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MAHATMA'S MESSAGE TO MARSHAL CHIANG

SENDS GREETINGS BUT EXPRESSES INABILITY TO MEET HIM

Generalissimo Visits Khyber Pass

Rajaji On "China's Romance And Lesson For Britain"

NEW DELHI, February 13.

The "United Press" learns that Gandhiji has sent a special message of greetings to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek, but has expressed his inability to meet him.

The full text of the message is expected to be released after it has reached the hands of the Chinese General.—United Press.

CHIANG ARRIVES IN PESHAWAR

PESHAWAR, Feb. 13.

Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, accompanied by his staff officers, arrived in Peshawar by air at 1 p.m. The Marshal was received at the aerodrome by His Excellency Sir George Cunningham, Governor, Major-General Denning, District Commander, and other Civil and Military officers.

The party drove to the Government House.—United Press.

CHIANG VISITS KHYBER PASS

PESHAWAR, Feb. 13.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek visited the defences of the Khyber Pass this afternoon.

Speaking in Chinese at Jamrud to Afridi tribesmen the Chinese leader said that he felt he was talking to his own brothers. He was greatly overwhelmed by the hearty welcome he had received from them. "I hope my brave brothers of Khyber Agency will join hands with my country and our Ally Great Britain in order to defeat Japan. Germany and Italy so that freedom may be brought forthwith and the world freed from war and aggression". He wished the Afridis all prosperity.

'In their address the tribesmen said: The Afridis and other tribesmen of the Khyber have always been loyal friends of the British and to meet representatives of the Allied countries is a great pleasure to us. We read in newspapers of the recent successes of the Chinese against the Japanese troops and we pray that these are only forerunners of many more to come. In spite of certain minor reverses, we are quite confident that in the end Britain and her Allies will emerge victorious and the world will be freed from the oppression of tyrants.—A. P.

WILL BR. LEARN FROM CHINA'S ROMANCE?

CHITTOOR, Feb. 13.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, ex-Premier of Madras, has issued the following statement:—

"All eyes have naturally turned towards the Chinese Generalissimo and his consort in Delhi. Their heroism shining in its own quality as well as symbolising the heroism of the nation united behind them has extorted the profound admiration of the world, even as the Russian defence has done. We are all pleased with the generous tribute paid by the Viceroy to the illustrious guests of India. We have no hesitation in joining in this tribute and would even go further.

Pandit Nehru has rightly said it would be unjust to expect the Marshal to undertake the task of advising Indians on political questions. It would be unfair also to expect him to advise the Viceroy on such matters.

HAMLET WITHOUT PRINCE OF DEUMARK.

The London "Times" commenting on Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek's visit to India said that Allied aid, especially in the fields of supply and transport, must be generously and comprehensively planned to enable them to develop China's vast military potentialities. Success in this direction spells the ultimate overthrow of Japan, says the same paper.

Every Indian must be feeling when reading these and other great words on the background of the scene at the Viceregal estate at Delhi that it is all like enacting Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark. I need hardly explain that the Prince of Denmark is Indian freedom.

Why should not "The Times" consider for a moment the importance and the feasibility, generosity and comprehensiveness in planning the vast military potentialities of India also. Political planning and courage are essential to make such military planning in India a possibility. But this is looked upon as a skeleton in the cupboard and the door is shut against it.

CHIANG HAS DONE IT?

It is not right for us to expect the Chinese Generalissimo to refer to the skeleton in the cupboard in his conversations with the Viceroy of India. But he has said enough perhaps without meaning it. "Seeing is better than hearing" remarked the Marshal and said he was impressed with the greatness of India. I do not think he was referring to the buildings of New Delhi. I seem to hear with my ears a note of sadness on these remarks, the same that Bharata must have felt when Kaikeyi told him that all was well and glorious, but all the while Bharata was asking the question; "why is the city sad and where is Ram?"

Acknowledging the personal appreciations eloquently expressed by the Viceroy, the Marshal significantly said that his own personal contribution and that of his wife had not been as great as they wished and that it was the united people of China, who bore the brunt of the battle for democracy.

WORD TO BRITAIN.

He said that the millions of China had risen to higher heights of philosophy, patriotism unselfishness, courage, endurance and generosity with but one aim. Here is the secret of the strength of China's defence. Freedom and hope make a people go through agonising sufferings, and rise to such heights as have made China and Russia the admiration of the world. Let Britain learn the big lesson from the Chinese romance and not merely seek to keep the Chinese battle going in order to harass the Japanese rear. This would be but minor strategy, the other would lead to an abiding victory.—A. P.

CHINESE GENERALISSIMO IN NEW DELHI

Photos taken in the garden of the Viceroy's House, New Delhi, on the day of Marshal and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's arrival. At the left are Lady Linlithgow with Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek and some of his staff. At the right are the Viceroy and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

White House Conference

Dutch Military And Naval Officers Meet Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

President Roosevelt conferred at White House to-day with the heads of the Dutch Military and Naval Mission which recently arrived from London, presumably to maintain close contact with the combined United States and British staffs and Australian and New Zealand officers in the determination of military and naval strategy in the South-west Pacific area.

General A. Dyxhoorm and Rear-Admiral J. W. Termytelen were presented to President Roosevelt by the Dutch Minister.

On leaving White House, the officers said that they had discussed Military and Naval matters with President Roosevelt. They declined to make further comment.—Reuter.

Facilities For Arms Production

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

The United States War Production Board announced to-day that it has ordered the 200 million dollar radio manufacturing industry to convert its entire facilities to Arms production within the next four months.—Reuter.

ALEXANDER TO BROADCAST.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, will broadcast to 11 overseas zones on Wednesday next in the series "Matters of Moment."—Reuter.

Jinnah Invited To Meet Chiang

CALCUTTA, Feb. 13.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All India Muslim League, informed press representatives who met him this morning that he had received a message from H.E. the Viceroy through the Governor of Bombay on the evening of February 10, when he was about to leave for Calcutta for meeting Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek in Delhi.

Mr. Jinnah immediately replied that as his Bengal programme could not be changed he would be very glad to meet the Generalissimo, when he would go to Calcutta, either on February 12 or 13, before he left for Serajganj or on his return from Serajganj to Calcutta on February 16, 17 or 18. If the Generalissimo's stay was prolonged in Delhi Mr. Jinnah would be happy to meet him when he goes there for attending the meeting of the League Working Committee. Meanwhile Mr. Jinnah conveyed to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek the goodwill and good wishes of Muslim India.—United Press.

Kripalani's Telegram To Marshal Chiang

ALLAHABAD Feb. 13.

"We were looking forward to your visit to the Congress headquarters' says Acharya J. B. Kripalani, General Secretary of the Congress, in a telegram addressed to Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek. He adds: "We are deeply disappointed at the alteration in your programme. We convey to you and Madame and the party hearty greetings on behalf of the Indian National Congress. We feel sure your visit will further strengthen

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Heavy Fighting On Salween Front

Veterans Of Chiang's Original Army Pouring Into Burma

RANGOON, Feb. 13.

An army 'communique' says: "On the Salween front heavy fighting has broken out again in the area of Paan.

The situation on this front is obscure.

Further south the situation is quiet at the moment."

CHINESE TROOPS RUSHED BY LORRY

The Associated Press special correspondent on Burma-China border writes:—

As Japanese pressure on the Salween front increases, following the capture of Martaban, fresh troops are pouring into Burma. Veterans of Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek's original army with long experience of fighting the Japanese, they are some of the best troops in the Chinese Army. After a march of several hundred miles to the border, they rested for a short while on the Chinese side of the frontier from where they rushed by lorry to Burma. Well-equipped they are fighting fit and most anxious to come to grips with the Japanese again.

I learn that Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek, stayed for a short time in Burma while proceeding to India in order to discuss the final details of the arrival of these troops. Thousands of more are on their way and while the situation is serious, the ready co-operation of the Generalissimo in sending hard-pressed Burma some of his best troops, is an encouraging sign for the future.—A. P.

Burma Premier On War Effort

RANGOON, Feb. 13.

The policy of the Burma Government would be to devise all ways and means possible for the successful prosecution of war and render the utmost help in crushing the enemy, said Sir Paw Tun, Premier of Burma, in a statement in the Burma Legislature to-day.

The Premier emphasised that the war effort must supersede every other work. During the present session of the Legislature. Government proposed to concentrate upon matters which had direct or indirect bearing upon the present war, apart from the annual budgetary programme.—A. P.

No Air Activity On Rangoon

A 'communique' issued this morning from the Civil Defence Commissioner, says there was no enemy air activity over the Rangoon area either yesterday or last night, and there was little activity elsewhere in Central and Upper Burma.

There were air-raids on a town in Central Burma yesterday but no details are at present available.

30,000 Evacuees From Burma

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

It is understood that nearly twenty-five or thirty thousand evacuees from Burma and Malaya have so far arrived in India.

The evacuees are received at the ports and arrangements are made to send them away by train to destinations where they have relatives and friends.

Efforts are being made for opening a route to India from Burma as early as possible. The officers of the Assam Government are already on the job exploring the possibility with the help of the Burma Government.—United Press.

Reached Calcutta On Foot From Rangoon

MADRAS, Feb. 13.

About sixty evacuees from Rangoon arrived here this morning by the Puri passenger train. They left Rangoon three months ago on foot and reached Calcutta a few days back.

Most of them are Muslims and natives of southern districts.—United Press.

VON PAPEN

ANKARA, Feb. 13.

Von Papen, German Ambassador, called at the Turkish Foreign Office on Thursday.—Reuter.

OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS

MCSCOW, Feb. 13.

The Soviet midday 'communique' states, "During the night of February 12, our troops continued offensive operations against the Fascist troops."—Reuter.

MADRAS BLACK-OUT TIMINGS

MADRAS, Feb. 13.

To-day's black-out will be held between 9-30 and 11-30 p.m. but the practice will not be continued after to-night. An announcement about future practices will be made later.—A. P.

BATTLE FOR SINGAPORE

Defenders Put Up Stout Resistance

Furious Fighting Around Race Course

WASHINGTON FEARS ABOUT INDIAN OCEAN

SINGAPORE, February 13.

Severe enemy pressure has been maintained on the Western Front during the last 24 hours and this attack is being supported by increased air and artillery forces.

Shelling to-day has been frequent on the forward areas and on Singapore town. He has also carried out low level dive-bombing attacks on our forward areas and there have been many high-level bombing attacks in the town area by large formations of aircraft.

Fighting is now taking place about Ang-mo-kio village—Mac-Ritchie reservoir—Pasir Panjang.

FIGHTING ROUND RACE COURSE

TOKYO, Feb. 13.

The Japanese have reached a point a few miles from the heart of Singapore, according to the Domei correspondent on the outskirts of the city.

He says furious fighting since early this morning is raging in and around the race-course and the north-west suburbs. Despite artillery and machine-gun fire, the Japanese are moving closer by inches by crawling or sudden rushes.

Japanese bombers, the correspondent adds, loosed tons of bombs on the Changi Fort, Pasir Panjang and Blakang Mati.—Reuter.

Putting Up Stout Resistance

CANBERRA, Feb. 13:—The Army Minister Mr. Forde announced that he had received a message from the Singapore Commander, Gen. Percival, at 06-30 (G.M.T.) announcing that Imperial forces were putting up stout resistance against great odds.

LONDON:—There is no fresh news from Singapore, it is stated in authoritative circles in London to-day. In Burma there appears to be no change in the situation. The Japanese are still believed to be holding Martaban.

Grave Concern In Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

Military and Naval circles are watching with grave concern the final phase of the battle of Singapore and the serious deterioration in the United Nation's position in the Pacific. No one doubts that the next Japanese objectives will be Sumatra and Java and a break through the Indian Ocean and there is keenest anxiety whether the Indies will receive necessary reinforcements, especially air reinforcements in time.

RESULT OF CHIANG'S VISIT

In view of the threat to India the news that India has been invited to send a representative to attend the meetings of the British War Cabinet is warmly welcomed here as a timely move, which is possibly a direct result of Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek's visit.

MACARTHUR ISOLATED

Referring to Singapore the Scripps Howard newspaper "Washington News" says: "The first reaction is that this has further isolated Gen. MacArthur. While Singapore was held there was a fair chance of turn of the tide permitting relief of Bataan".

CABINET SHAKE-UP NEARER

"The Washington News" also expresses what is considered to be the general belief in political quarters, when it says that although Mr. Churchill's own position will not be affected by Singapore repercussions, it will bring the much delayed Cabinet shake-up nearer. Mr. Churchill, it says, "will be forced to unload unpopular old guard tories, who dominate the Government".

The feeling among the public here is that the fall of Singapore will be the bitterest blow

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City Bus Smash

There was a terrific crash, the noise, akin to that of a house collapse, heard at about 3 p.m. on Friday near the Central (Railway) station, where two B. E. S. T. buses were completely wrecked sequel to collision. The side window glasses were shattered to pieces and the drivers and about a dozen passengers including children received serious injuries. They were given treatment in the J. J. Hospital.

Ban On Sampuran Singh Lifted

(From Our Correspondent.)

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

Maulana Azad, Congress President, lifted the ban imposed on Sardar Sampuransingh, Leader, Congress Assembly Party, following his court statement after Satyagraha in December 1940.

Sardar Sampuransingh was the leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly but the Congress President removed him from leadership and membership of the party.

The annual elections of the party will held on Feb. 25.

CURFEW ON ENEMY ALIENS

CANBERRA, Feb. 13.

THE ARMY MINISTER, MR. FORDE, ANNOUNCED A CURFEW ON ALL ENEMY ALIENS IN QUEENSLAND FROM 20-00 TO 05-00 EVERY NIGHT.

EX-MINISTER FOR VICEROY'S COUNCIL?

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Feb. 13.

Dame Rumour has it that a seat is likely to be offered to an ex-Minister of the Bombay Congress Cabinet in the proposed further expansion of the Viceroy's Executive Council.

STOP PRESS

Judgment In Cheda Pasi Gang Case

LUCKNOW, Feb. 13.

Out of the 26 accused in the Cheda Pasi Gang case who were standing their trial in the Court of Additional Sessions Judge of Lucknow, 22 have been convicted and sentenced to 10 years' R. I. on a charge of criminal conspiracy.

Out of these 22 convicted men. 13 were also awarded transportation for life on a charge under Section 396 I.P.C. the sentences under the different counts to run concurrently. The other nine were ordered to undergo additional ten years' R. I. Under Section 395 I P. C. two of the above nine men were further sentenced to two years' R. I. under Section 399 I. P C. read with Section 402 I. P. C their sentences to run concurrently.

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D. V. NADKARNI,
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N. J. ALVARES,
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Parle-Andheri Municipality.
Municipal Office,
"Nehru Road," Vile Parle.
Dated 12th February, 1942.
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J. M. MEHTA,
Vidyadhikari
Vidyadhikari Office.
Eng. Branch,
Baroda, 12th Feb. 1942.
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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Notices have been given, under Section 36(n) of the Municipal Act, for motions to the following effect being placed before the Corporation when the Budget Estimates for the year 1942-43 are discussed:—

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S. N. DAMLE,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 12th February, 1942.
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H. C. CAPTAIN,
Managing Director.
Bombay, Dated, 12th February, 1942.
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BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

WANTED.

(i) 5 *Assistant Chemists (Inspectors) Pharmacology Department, Haffkine Institute, Bombay. Pay:*— Rs. 220-10-360—E.B.—20-440: a higher starting pay or special terms may be offered to suitable candidates. *Age:*— Not more than 35 years on 1st April, 1942: may be relaxed in the case of specially qualified candidates. *Qualifications:*— (i) Degree in science with Chemistry (Principal), *or* degree in medicine with a degree in Chemistry, (ii) post-graduate training in organic, inorganic or pharmaceutical chemistry, or biochemistry for not less than 2 years *and* (iii) research experience, with special reference to the analysis or synthesis of drugs of therapeutic value for not less than 2 years after post-graduate training, with evidence of original work of merit.

(ii) *Deputy Director, Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay. Pay:*— Rs. 300-20-420—E. B.—30-660—E. B.—40-900 (Rs. 300 during the first two years, and starting on Rs. 300 during the third year) *plus* Comp. L. A. and official quarters on a rent of 10 per cent. of pay. *Age:*— Not less than 30 or more than 38 years on 1st June, 1942. The age-limit will be relaxed in the case of those who have rendered approved war service. *Qualifications:*— (i) First class artistic qualifications in Painting and design or sculpture, (ii) a thorough knowledge of at least one artistic craft, (iii) a good knowledge of English and a very good general education, (iv) administrative experience and (v) experience of teaching painting and commercial art. Candidates should be capable lecturers and able organisers.

Full details should be obtained from the Secretary to the Commission, P. W. D. Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for receipt of applications on the printed prescribed form (which will be supplied on receipt of an addressed (large) envelop bearing postage stamps of the value of 2½ annas, and one rupee *only* in cash or by *Indian Postal Order* (*not* crossed) in favour of the Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission): *14th March, 1942.*

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Legal Notices

HIGH COURT, O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 1435 of 1941

RAMESHWAR GORDHAN ..... Plaintiff
Vs.
(1) DALCHAND CHOTHMAL of Malegaon and (2) Messrs. NARANDAS LAHOTI ..... Defendants.

To,
DALCHAND CHOTHMAL, the 1st defendant abovenamed.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has filed this Suit to recover from you Rs. 13,202-4-6 for the debt due by you to him under the mortgage dated the 25th October, 1939, with interest and costs and other reliefs, you are hereby summoned to appear at the hearing of this Suit as a Short Cause in Court at 11 a.m. (S.T.) on 4th March, 1942 and to answer all material questions relating to the Suit, failing which this Suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Dated this 13th day of November 1941.

K. K. DASTOOR,
For Prothonotary & Senior Master.
Messrs. HIRALAL M. MEHTA & CO.,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.
(7370)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. GOVIND VITHAL NADKARNI has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land with the tenements consisting of a ground and two upper floors known as "Sidha Mahal", situate on Plot No. 159 of the Naigaum Estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay within the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 753 square yards or thereabouts together with the land bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the North-East by Plot No 158 of the said Estate, on or towards the South-East by a 40 feet road, on or towards the South-West by another 40 feet road and on or towards the North-West by Plot No. 10 of the said estate, and which piece of land forms portion of New Survey No. 2057 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 783 of the Dadar-Naigaum Division together with the motor garages attached thereto.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1942.

MULLA & MULLA,
Purchasers Attorneys.
(7372)

Public Notices

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER of supplies, (Purchase Branch) Shahibagh House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of Mugs—Drinking enamelled 1 pint as per specification which can be seen in this office Tender forms may be obtained on application from this office free of charge.

Due date of submission of tender by 12 noon on 18-2-41.

(7373)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NADIRSHAW DINSHAW MISTRY of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 23 Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece of land, containing an area of four hundred and thirty-six (436) square yards or thereabouts together with the building standing thereon situate on and being Plot No. 60 (North) of the Dadar-Matunga Estate Scheme 6 of the Corporation in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay bounded on the North by a road Twenty six feet in width, on the East by Plot No. 61 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to Rao Bahadur D. G. Padhya, on the South by Plot No. 55 of the said Estate and on the West by Plot No. 59 of the said Estate agreed to be leased to T. K. Printer which piece of land forms portion of New Survey No. 821 and bears Cadastral Survey No. 468|10 Matunga Division and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under F Ward No. 7900(2) and Street No. 1467A.

Dated this 12th day of February, 1942.

DIKSHIT MANEKLAL & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(7369)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai GOMIBAI, wife of Liladhar Versey and VELJI LILADHAR, both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants the former at present residing at Cutch have contracted to sell the property hereinafter described.

ALL persons having claims of any sort against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at No. 15, Bhatwadi 2nd Lane, Girgaum within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claims and the same will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of pension and tax tenure (since redeemed), containing by admeasurement 156 sq. yds. or thereabouts registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. A|3226, New Survey No. 3A|7959 and Cadastral Survey No. 1637 of Girgaum Division together with the messuage tenement or building standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under D Ward No. 230 and Old Street No. 1 and New Street No. 13 all which premises are situate at Girgaum Road near Kennedy Bridge in the Registration District, Sub-District and City of Bombay and bounded on the East partly by the property of Dwarkadas Lallubhai and partly by Girgaum Road aforesaid, on the West by the property of Maganlal Hargovandas, South partly by the property of Mahomed Ravji and partly by Girgaum Road aforesaid and on the North by the property of Atmaram Pednekar.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1942.

L. K. MORWALE,
Purchasers Advocate.
(7374)

Auction Sales

M. MODY & CO.

GRAND DIAMOND JEWELLERY Auction Sale TO-MORROW SUNDAY the 15th instant at 10 A.M. (S.T.) at Chowpatty Sandhurst Bridge "Mody Manor" next to Dadaji Dhakji Show Room in Suite No. 342 of 1934. On view. M. MODY & CO., Auctioneers.

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT ELPHINSTONE ROAD, PAREL. ALSO MOTOR LORRY, BULLOCKS, CART & PUMP.

Under instructions from Messrs Little & Co., Attorneys for Bai Aishabai, daughter of Beg Mohomed Haji Abdul Rehman, the Mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of Goolam Rasool Haji Esmail Haji Eshak Chand and others Heirs and next-of-kin of Haji Esmail Haji Eshak Chand the Mortgagor, and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Indentures of Mortgage, Transfer of Mortgage and further charges described in the conditions of sale, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on TUESDAY the 17th February, 1942, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned property Lot. No. 1 and Lot No. 2 in separate lots at the premises.

LOT NO. 1.

All that piece of Government Leasehold land admeasuring about 9,445 square yards together with the dwelling houses, chawls and stables, situate at Elphinstone Road, Parel, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 94, Parel-Sewri division and Municipality "F" Ward Nos. 353 (1-2) 355 & 356 (2) (3) (5) (6) and (7) Street Nos. 110A—111, 112, 113A 113B and 113F and bounded as follows on the East by the property of Memon Haji Abdulla, on the West by a private passage, on the North by Elphinstone Road and on the South by the property of Vithoba Mankaji and partly by the property of Tribhowandas Narottamdas.

LOT NO. 2

1. "Chevrolet" Motor Lorry 1 1|2 ton, 26 H.P. 1935 Model No. B.M.T. 4925; also 3 Bullocks, 1 Cart and 1 Electric pump.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to Messrs. Little & Co., Solicitors or the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF CINEMA PROJECTOR AND ITS ACCESSORIES.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver H. C. in Suit No. 1200 of 1941 (Ratilal v|s Prof. Eknath Murti) Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will sell by Public Auction TO-DAY, SATURDAY, the 14th February, 1942, at 2 P.M. (S.T.) at their Rooms at 120, Apollo Street, Fort, the undermentioned.

1. Cinema Projector (Cinemeccanica Milano) with its accessories.

Terms—Cash.

BENNETT & CO.

VORA & CO.

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) AT 10-30 A. M. (S. T.)

Property of a European Gentleman D. Jones, Esqr. and others at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Seaface of complete household and Office Furniture, Dining Table, Chairs, Sideboard, Silver Show Cases, Cabinets, Book-Cases, Cheval Dressing Table, Chesterfield Sets, Centre Tables and Teapoys, Steel Glass Door Book Case, File Cabinet, Kashmir Carved Furniture, Bed with Box Mattress, Austrian Fire Proof Safe, Singer and Pfaff Machines, Remington Portable and Standard Typewriter, Hand and Foot Harmonium, H. M. V. Gramophone, Electric Fan, Wrist Watches, Piano by S. Rose & Co., Carpets, Glass-Crockery, etc., Tel. No. 40213.

VORA & CO.

CRAWFORD & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF SALT PANS SITUATE AT NAWAMUKH, SAZA PAPDI, TALUKA BASSEIN.

By Order of the Official Assignee of Bombay, M/s. CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers, will sell by public auction on Tuesday 24th February, 1942 at 3 p. m. (S. T.) at their rooms at 122, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay the right, title and interest of the Insolvent Ramchandra Ramdayal Marwadi in the 616 Salt Pans, total area 59 acres—20½ gs., bearing Gomele Village Survey No. 100, situate at Nawamukh, Saza Papdi, Taluka Bassein.

For further particulars, apply to:

AUCTION SALE OF LANDS SITUATE AT BORIVLI.

By Order of the Official Assignee of Bombay, M/s. CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers will sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, 23rd February, 1942 at 3 p. m. (S. T.) at their rooms at 122, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, the right, title and interest of the Insolvent Jamshedji Nuserwanji Gandhi in the lands bearing Survey Nos. 4A (5), 119 (6) & 132, area 1 acre—25¼ gs., situate at Borivli, South Salsette.

For further particulars, apply to:

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Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

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THE RAINS CAME
Tyrone POWER,
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SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
Delhi, I—Programme.
338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far East. 5 Mohammad Ahmad. 5-15 Geet aur Bhajan. 5-30 Feroza Begam. 5-45 Afzal Husain. 6-15 Do Geet. 6-30 Raftar-i-Zamana: Weekly review of current events in Hindustani 6-45 For Villagers only. 7-45 It has happened, or Tilak Kamod on Sarod. 7-50 Mohammad Ahmad. 8-5 Master Madan. 8-15 New Slants on Old Lands, 1: Talk on Modern Jewish Palestine. 8-30 Bertin ki Khabren: Talk in Hindustani relayed from Lahore. 8-45 Farhat Jahan Bibbo: 9-30 B. B. C. news relay. 9-45 Feroza Begam. 9-55 Listening Post talk relayed from B B C. 10 Sipahi: Musical feature. 10-15 Ghara on Sarod. 10-25 Gayak: Vocal music.

Bombay I & II Programmes.
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Delhi 2. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 to 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 to 9-50 As in Delhi 2. 9-50 A.R.P. talk. 12 noon to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
From 7-30 Bombay 2 will operate on 61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
5 To-morrow. 5-5 to 5-40 As in Delhi 2. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 to 6 As in Delhi 2. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Violin recital. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Children's half hour in Hindustani. 7 Indian music. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Spirit of France (II) by L. Revel. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Messages from Indian troops in M.E.; 8-45 Dot and Dash by D. F. Karaka. 9-0 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2.

INDIAN TROOP'S MESSAGES—All-India Radio, Bombay, will repeat the broadcast of recorded messages from some Marathi members of the Indian Troops in the Middle East to their relatives in India to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. The messages which are all in Marathi will be radiated on both 244 and 89.15 metres, respectively.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS

London, February 12

	This week
Total bullion	£ 647,000
Public deposits	10,200,000
(a) Other deposits	180,500,000
(b) Other securities	22,800,000
Government securities	148,200,000
(b) Other securities	22,800,000
Notes, gold and silver coin	31,100,000
Notes in circulation	749,500,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	16.31 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	122,300,000
(b) Other securities include discounts and advances	6,700,000
Total deposits	190,700,000
Total securities	171,000,000

Indian Sugar Easier

Bombay February 11
Java Sugar: Since our last review market for Java sugar for ready and March bond delivery continued to remain steady with prices fluctuating within narrow limits. Business was generally very restricted as owing to scarcity of steamers, there was no buying interest at present. Sellers were however firm as the major portion of the stocks were sold, awaiting shipments and fresh shipments from Java were extremely uncertain. As regards forward shipments, there was no interest and the quotation was nominal. Java Exporters were not offering anything as long as their old contracts are not liquidated and situation is more favourable for business. Local stocks of Java sugar ex-bond are estimated at about 9,500 tons of which more than half is sold for shipments. Tendency of the market is at the moment uncertain.
Indian Sugar: Sugar market for Indian sugar continued to remain easier, due to poor offtake, increased arrivals and the nervousness caused by the recent political developments in the Far East. Prices on the whole show a decline of 4 to 6 annas per maund in ready. In Bombay Group March delivery, there was a decline of about 6 annas per maund, due to weakness in ready and some selling pressure by the weak holders. In Gola Group, there was hardly any interest and quotation was nominal. Cawnpore market was steady owing to better demand from consuming centres. There was some selling interest in Maharastra Mills qualities and some business was reported at about four annas below their selling limits of last week. The arrivals of sugar both from up-country and the Maharastra were much better and it is believed that if the arrivals continue on the same scale, prices may decline somewhat further.

LONDON SILVER
London, February 12
Spot 23 1/2
Forward 23 9/16

LONDON GOLD
London, February 12
Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, February 12
T T London on:—
New York, Madrid, Montreal, Zurich and Stockholm, sellers and buyers unchanged

LONDON SEEDS
London, February 12
Rozario Santa Fe 22/7 1/2
Barletta Russo 22/9

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, February 12
Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent £69 1/2
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later £101 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent £82 5/16
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 £107
War loan 3 1/2 per cent £104 3/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 ... £115 1/8
Victory Bonds 4 per cent £113
Chartered Bank of I A and China £5 1/2
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg) £52
National Bank of India £28 1/2
All United States markets closed to-day.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.
MARCH
New York: February 13.
Previous closing 18.25
To-day's opening 18.17
Difference 8
To-day's closing ..... not received

BROACH EXPECTATION
Not received.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York: February 13.
Following are the New York opening ranges:—
March (18.28/26) 18.17/17
May (18.41/36) 18.36/33
July (18.50/49) 18.46/45

LONDON COMMODITIES.
London: February 13.
SEEDS
Castorseeds February/March (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta February/March (£20 11/16 sellers) £20 11/16 sellers
Linseed La Plata February/March (£18 7/8 sellers) £19
Groundnut Coromandal Coast February/March £18 7/8 East Coast India shipment; £19 1/8 West Coast India shipment.
LONDON METALS
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.
T.T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York: February 13.
Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening 4.03 3/4
T.T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London: February 13.
Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION.
London: February 13.
London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0
LONDON SILVER
London: February 13.
Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 9/16d) 23 1/2d
CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York: February 13.
New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—
General Motors (dol 32) dol 32 1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 26 1/8) dol 26 3/8
United States Steel Common (dol 80 1/2) dol 51
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London: February 13.
The London Stock Exchange was steady to-day.
3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London: February 13.
3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 3/4
AUSTRALIAN LOANS
London: February 13.
5 per cent 1958/68 £101
BRITISH FUNDS.
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 9/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £107 1/16
2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £115 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 13/16
3 per cent War Loan £101 1/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113
INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors 16-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 31-3
Electric Music Industry 13-9
Princhin Johnson 20-10 1/2
Imperial Chemicals 32-7 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary 48-4 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £77
Dundee 28-1 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 28-3
Ford Motors 25-4 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £66 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordy £3 5/16
Carreas 'A' £6 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/4
P and O Defd 27-1 1/2
Distillers 74-6
Bredford Dye 9-1 1/2
British Celanese 6-9
J and P Coates 36-9
Courtaulds Ordinary 32-6
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-4 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-6
Inter Nickel 42 1/2
Indian Iron 37-6
TEA SHARES
Assam 15-7 1/2
Donaro Tea 28-9
Empire of India 17-0
JUTE
Barnagore £9
RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch Rubber 11-0
Gula Kelampong 8-9
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 14-4 1/2
MINING SHARES
Nandydrug 17-6
Burma Corporation 4-3
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 31/32
Rand Mines £6 7/8
MINE SHARES
Crown £9 3/8
Associated Portland Cement 49-4 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 64-4 1/2
Sub-Nigel £7 21/32
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 1/32
Union Corporation 140-9
OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian 36-7 1/2
Anglo-India 43-9
Burma Oil £2 3/32
Mexican Eagle 12-7 1/2
Shell Transport £2 3/16
Royal Dutch £17
RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary £43 1/2
London Midland Ordinary £17 1/2
London North Eastern Defd £2 1/8
London Southern Defd £15 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent £130
London Transport £40 1/2

Profiteering Of Paper Merchants

"I. P. & S." APPEALS TO VICEROY TO ENSURE SUPPLY OF PAPER.
The Editor of the "Indian Printer and Stationer", a monthly magazine of Rajkot in an appeal addressed to the Viceroy, while thanking the Government for the timely measures in giving protection to the Indian Paper Industry, complained of the abnormal rise in the paper market, and the profiteering of the paper merchants. He had pointed out that though the Government of India had fixed the rates for the more commonly used classes of paper it had not given the desired relief to the public, particularly Educational institutions and school students. He suggested in the case of the educational institutions that the supply of the paper must be arranged through heads of various institutions. He closed his appeal by requesting the Government to take steps to ensure the immediate supply of paper, at a reasonable price.

The Government have sanctioned an estimated expenditure of Rs. 1,38,000 for the improvement of the Madras wharf on the Buckingham Canal at the Basin Bridge, north of Madras.

Madras: A further batch of evacuees from Rangoon numbering over 300 have arrived in Madras by train, most of them being Europeans 'en route' to Ootacamund. Over 100 Chinese evacuees from Singapore have also arrived in Madras. They will shortly proceed to Calcutta and thence fly to China.

Yarn Prices Decline

Bombay February 11
The Yarn market has remained very quiet during the whole past week especially in the later part when prices began to decline further on account of unfavourable reports regarding the Far Eastern situation. In case of Indian yarns the decline has been very limited, probably because there are no big stocks of Indian Yarns for ready delivery and as regards forward deliveries the business is practically at a standstill owing to uncertain tendency. In case of Foreign Yarns there has been absolutely no demand from consuming centres and whilst stocks are limited confidence is lacking and the sellers are often inclined to dispose off their stocks owing to nervousness as a result of unfavourable political situation. Besides this, the serious developments in the Punjab markets between the merchants and the Punjab Government and the latest news about the arrest of several merchants in Lahore and in other parts of the Punjab has also created nervousness amongst the local dealers to such an extent that although some of them are inclined to make sales of their holdings at lower prices the buyers are difficult to find. Reports from various consuming centres are also not encouraging, mostly due to unfavourable developments in the War and as a result turnover during the week has been extremely limited. As regards export markets enquiries have fallen off during the later part of the week probably because the exporters are not inclined to make any further sales until the Government of India have given their final decision regarding the restrictions on exports of Indian Cotton Yrns. It is reported that at the recent Price Control Conference in Delhi the Government of India have recommended some scheme for controlling the prices of Cotton Yarns by appointing the Central Commissioner and Provincial Commissioners, but on the very face of it the scheme appears to be rather unpracticable and it remains to be seen how far the scheme can be put into operation by the Government. On the whole the future outlook does not seem to be hopeful at the moment.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS
Prices declined to the extent of one anna per lb. both in Artificial Silk Yarns as well as in Staple Fibre Yarns during the week and even at the close the tendency is distinctly weak. Reports from the Punjab markets are very unfavourable and combined with this the unfavourable political situation in the Far East has adversely affected the Indian markets. The future tendency is uncertain.

4 TO HANG: RIOT CASE JUDGMENT
MANGALORE: Feb. 11.
Judgment was delivered by the Sessions Judge, Mangalore, in what is known as the Kayyur Constable Murder Case, in which 60 persons were prosecuted in connection with rioting which took place in Kayyur village in March last, resulting in the death of a police constable.
The Judge sentenced four persons to death, while 18 others were awarded varying terms of rigorous imprisonment, ranging from three years to five years. The remaining 38 accused were acquitted.—A. P.

MISSING GOLD BARS DUG OUT FROM FIELD

After a long and careful investigations extending over several months, the Railway Police have at last succeeded in tracing the mysterious disappearance of a parcel of gold bars valued over one lakh belonging to a city bank.
The theft was discovered at Howrah Station when one of out of six parcels stated to be despatched by the National City Bank of India, Bombay, to Calcutta was found to have been tampered with.
The parcel, when opened by the Railway authorities was found to contain iron bars instead of gold bars valued at over a lakh of rupees.
Inquiries were then instituted resulting in the arrest of a brakesman in charge of the mail which carried the parcels to Calcutta. It is alleged that some time later he made a statement in consequence of which a retired brakesman was arrested.
The recovery of the missing gold bars was a long and difficult process. The police had to go from place to place making minute inquiries. They have now succeeded in recovering gold bars of the value of about Rs. 75,000. I nsearch of the missing gold, the police had to go to fields and jungles, to unearth the hiding places. Several bars of gold, it is said were dug out from a field.
It is alleged that the retired brakesman and the brakesman in charge of the mail were responsible for the theft.

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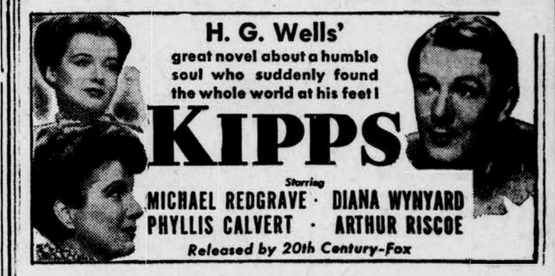
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Eleven D. L. B. Members Expelled By Bihar P.C.C.

DALTONGUNJ: February 11.

Disciplinary action has been taken by the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee against eleven Congress members (including the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman) of the Palamau District Board, for having failed to resign in spite of the Congress mandate. They have been expelled from the Congress for a period of five years.—A. P.

Oil On Surface Of Well Water Catches Fire

(From Our Correspondent.)

NERAL, February 9.

A well situated near the Laxmi Rice Mills caught fire. A great quantity of oil and rubbish had accumulated on the surface of the well water and in order to destroy the dirty rubbish with a view to make the water usable a woman inserted burning straw in it.

The oil deposited on the surface of the water caught fire and loud explosion was heard. People in the neighbourhood got frightened. The fire subsided after burning for about two hours.

Iran's Total Population Is 10 Millions

NEW DELHI: Feb. 12.

The total population of Iran is shown by the latest census to be in the neighbourhood of ten million as against previous estimates of 20 million, says a report received here. The rate of illiteracy is high.

According to reports from Iraq, public attention is to be taken up by the problem of bread supply. The Government have engaged the services of a British economic expert to assist them in solving the difficulties of distribution.—A.P.

JUSTICE RANADE'S PORTRAIT UNVEILED

(From A Correspondent.)

NASIK, (By Mail.)

The History and Economics Association of the H.P.T. College, Nasik, celebrated the Ranade Centenary on the 8th inst. when Mr. V. L. Mehta, unveiled a beautiful portrait of the late Justice M. G. Ranade and delivered a speech befitting the occasion.

INDIA'S WAR GIFTS NEARLY 8 MILLION STERLING

LONDON: Feb. 11.

The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Amery handed to the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday a tea-car given by the teagrowers of the Surma Valley (Assam).

The ceremony took place in the Quadrangle of the Foreign Office and the gift was received by Sir Alfred D. Pickford, Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Mobile Canteen Committee. Mr. Amery referred to all the gifts from India which now amounted to over four million sterling over and above the not far short of another four million sterling subscribed for the bombers.—Reuter.

MAHAKOSHALA P. C. C. SECRETARY

JUBBULPORE: Feb. 11.

Pundit Dwarka Prasad Mishra, formerly Minister for Local Self-Government, has been selected as the General Secretary to the Mahakoshal Provincial Congress Committee. Pundit Mishra has taken over charge of his new office.—A. P.

The Surma Valley Girl Students' Committee has adopted a resolution supporting the war resolution passed at the All-India Students' Conference in its Patna session.

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OPEN LETTER TO MAHATMA ON COMMUNAL UNITY

Mr. M. Akbar Ali Khan of Hyderabad (Deccan) addresses the following Open Letter to Mahatma Gandhi:

My Dear Mahatmaji,

Pardon me when I say that I was exceedingly surprised to read in the "Bombay Chronicle", on the one hand of the news of your presiding over the Benares University Convocation and, on the other hand your observation condemning separate electorates. I feel, so long as there are purely communal institutions, like the Benares University, so ably guided and supervised by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, it is really no good condemning separate electorates, howsoever wrong a thing, ideally, it may be. It appears that there are such cultural differences though they may appear to persons like you merely seeming that unity could only be between the two communities as such, and in the beginning by pacts and agreements and not through the slogan that we are one nation, though there may not be even a common language.

I came to you with a scheme of Hindu-Muslim unity prepared by the late Srinivasa Iyengar that great Advocate of freedom and unity. You very kindly promised to consider over it, but I am afraid, Sir, it did not receive as much consideration as it deserved. I can tell you the only motive that actuated the late Iyengar to sponsor that scheme was his genuine desire to find some solution of this problem which is so vital to our interest.

Since two years, the situation has still more deteriorated. The enemy is at our door. For the sake of maintaining peace, if for no other reason, it is essential that there should be some settlement between the two communities. May I, as your humble admirer, appeal to you to consider that scheme again and because if you fail to do it, I am afraid no other man of present generation will do? If this is done, I am sure the union of hearts will come, which you so much desire

You have said at Benares, that you are prepared to meet the Viceroy, but I think honestly it is waste of time for both of you. If you settle this problem, which I again repeat you are the only person capable to do it, than no Churchill no Amery and no Linlithgow could for a moment delay to declare what you have asked for.

It may be that the British Government may not be prepared to yield; but I ask you Mahatmaji, with the definite cleavage between Hindus and Muslims, can we honestly put our demand as a demand from the nation? I respectfully think not. You have also said at Benares that if you could you will put all Muslims in legislature and service. I think if you do that it would be unfair to the Hindus, but if you adopt the Iyengar scheme you will solve the deadlock and do a lasting service to our unfortunate country. If you, Mahatmaji, and Qaid-e-Azam, do not consider it presumptuous on my part, I would suggest you both should be closeted together till you come out with a solution.

Deficit Civic Budget For Calcutta

CALCUTTA: February 10.

A deficit of a sum of Rs. 35,000 was revealed by the Budget Estimates of the Calcutta Corporation for the year 1942/43, placed before a special meeting of the Corporation this evening, the receipts and expenditure as estimated for the year being Rs. 2,51,47,000 and Rs. 2,51,82,000 respectively. The provision made for A.R.P. measures, which amounts to Rs. 5,00,000 as against the outgoing year's revised estimate of Rs. 4,00,000.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation expressed grave doubts as to the possibility of realisation of House Taxes, amounting to Rs. 57,77,000, which fell due during the last three months, in view of the large scale exodus from the city and other emergencies arising out of the war.

TO SPEED UP A.R.P. WORK

The necessity of making a representation to the Government of Bengal requesting them to temporarily suspend some of the provisions of the Calcutta Municipal Act in order to enable the Corporation to proceed with the execution of A.R.P. schemes without going through "formalities," was stressed by the councillors of the Corporation, while speaking on A.R.P. matters at the Corporation meeting this evening.

Kisan Sabha And War

NAGPUR: Feb. 12.

The Executive Committee of the All-India Kisan Sabha met this afternoon to review and define the attitude of the Kisan Sabha to the war under the changed conditions.

It is understood that a message has been received from Swami Sahjanand who is in Hazaribagh Jail, advocating support to the Allied cause. This instruction is likely to influence the decision of the Executive.

The Executive Committee of the Sabha met for a few hours and postponed its decision until the arrival of delegates from Bengal to-morrow.—A. P.

Saiyed Sulaiman Nadvi As P.E.N. Vice-President

Z. A. B. writes:—

The selection of Maulana Saiyed Sulaiman Nadvi as P.E.N. Vice-President, will, I am sure, be widely welcomed. No better selection than this could be made. This is perhaps the first time when a renowned scholar and writer of the calibre of the Maulana has been accorded this sighal honour. It goes without saying that his presence will be a source of light and inspiration for the entire P.E.N. organisation. By this selection the P.E.N. authorities have conclusively proved what great regard they cherish for Urdu, the 'lingua franca' of India.

SHOP ASSISTANTS' DEMANDS.

"Friday should be declared a weekly holiday and a month's leave with pay should be granted to all who come under the operation of the Shop Assistants' Act," was the demand made at a large gathering of Gumastas at Chowpatty Sands on Friday evening, Mr. Gourishankar Bhat presided.

Among others Mr. K. Bharia, Girdhar Thakur and Keshav Talpade addressed the gathering.

INSURE INDUSTRIAL PLANT

The Committee of the Association of Indian Industries have sent a telegram to the Government of India, Department of Commerce urging Government to immediately undertake insurance of industrial plant machinery and property against war risks and riots in view of danger to the country.

ACWORTH LEPER HOME, MATUNGA: The Acworth Leper Home, Matunga, acknowledges the following donations to the Home received during the months of October, November and December, 1941:—

Sheth Virchand Meghji Rs. 50; Mr. Vasant Balwant Mogre Rs. 25; Collections from the Poor Boxes Rs. 15-3-9; Mr. A. D. Pradhan Rs. 10; Mr. Sunderrao D. Navalkar Rs. 5; Mr. R. S. Murkute Rs. 5; Mr. S. M. an out-patient, donated 3 B. D Luer Lock Control Syringes and one 5 cc. Ideal all glass syringe, costing, Rs. 50.

PT. SHUKLA CANCELS PROGRAMME

(From Our Correspondent).

HYDERABAD (Decn.): Feb 11.

Pt. Shukla, the ex-Premier of C.P. and Berar, who is touring the Nizam's Dominions, has cancelled his Hyderabad programme for to-morrow on learning the news of the demise of Seth Bajaj to-day. A condolence meeting will be held to-morrow and hartal will be observed in the business localities.

BOMBAY BRAHMO SAMAJ: Prof. Prabhakar Ramamurti of Wilson College will conduct Divine Service to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. at the above Samaj, Nicholson Hall, Mazagon.

Sir Sorab Saklatwala's Appeal For Establishing Key Industries

Sir Sorab Saklatvala, Kt., in the course of his address at the eighth annual gathering of the Technological Association said:—

During the relatively short period that this Department has been in existence, it has performed valuable service to the textile industry and I am glad to have this opportunity of acknowledging the work done by the Department and our indebtedness to the University of Bombay and to the staff of the Department for the assistance they have rendered to us.

It is satisfactory to note that the Department, which till now has lacked a building of its own is now to be provided with a permanent habitation adequate to its requirements and worthy of the premier industrial city of India. I am glad to learn to that, as a result of the larger accommodation which the new building will provide, steps have already been taken to expand the activities of the Department so that it may respond more fully to the industrial requirements of this province and may grow in due course into a fully developed College of Technology comparable with more famous institutions of its kind in other parts of the world. The work of the Department hitherto has been practically confined to problems connected with the cotton textile industry. But with the completion of the new plans, recently sanctioned by the University, the activities of the Department will be extended to other industries of great importance, such as the manufacture of plastics, paints and varnishes, of oils and fats and of pharmaceutical products and fine chemicals. Many of these are industries which fall into the category of key industries and, therefore, the researches carried out by the Department in connection with them will not merely assist specific industries but help the cause of industrial progress in general.

We have now arrived at a stage in the industrial development of the country when it is necessary that we should direct our attention principally to the establishment of key industries, in other words, of industries the products of which are in demand by other industries and are therefore essential for further industrial development. One of the most important industries of this class is the Chemical industry, particularly that branch of it which relates to heavy Chemicals. We have hitherto been entirely dependent for our requirements of industrial chemicals upon imports from other countries. The serious inconvenience which has been caused to industrial concerns in India by the interruption of the import trade in essential chemicals in consequence of the war has made it imperative that we should now provide facilities for their manufacture in India.

I would like also to refer to the new course in Pharmaceuticals and Fine Chemicals which you have decided to organise. This is an important and most useful line of development and will be widely welcomed."

Tagore Memorial Meeting

Under the chairmanship of Wazir-ud-Dowlah Raj Bahadur Col. Dinanath, C. I. E., Prime Minister, a public meeting will be held in the King Edward Hall, Indore, Monday, (16th February), at 5-30 p.m., to concert measures for perpetuating the memory of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, in co-operation with the All-India Tagore Memorial Committee, of which His Highness the Maharaja Holkar is one of the patrons. Speakers are: Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Mr. V. S. Sarwate, Mrs. Bryce, Wafadar-i-Dowlat Azeezur and Rehman Khan.

SHIVRATRI CELEBRATIONS IN CITY.

BOMBAY, Friday.

Thousands of Hindus went to Chowpatty to-day for the early morning sea bath to celebrate the Mahashivratri festival. Tram cars were full of passengers going towards Chowpatty and the police had to make special arrangements to regulate traffic.

The banks, public offices, commercial firms and Police Courts and High Court were closed for the day.

Mahashivratri day is dedicated to the worship of Shiva, the "Destroyer" among the Hindu trinity. A complete fast is observed both day and night, as also a vigil. The Shiva Linga, is worshipped at night with offerings of "Ketaki" flowers and "Bel" (wood apple) leaves.

The festival is observed by all Hindus of Shaivite persuasion the corresponding festival of the Vashnavites being Krishna Janmaastami.

CONSUMERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Government of Bombay, after consultation with the Consultative Committee for Price Control has appointed a Consumers' Advisory Committee for Price Control with the object of keeping closely in touch with the average consumers' difficulties. The members have been selected in consultation with prominent employers and representative institutions and belong to different income groups. The Committee will bring to the notice of the Controller of Prices and the Government cases where the official reports of wholesale and retail prices, which will be supplied to them, do not agree with those actually charged in the bazar. It will also indicate cases where the retail price of any essential article is causing particular hardship to the public. The Committee will meet once a week in the Secretariat.

BIHAR M.L.C. RELEASED.

PATNA, Feb. 13.

Mr. Pungadev Sharma, M.L.C. who was released from Hazaribagh Jail on the expiry of the term of imprisonment arrived here last night.

Mr. Sharma said that there are still eleven 'Satyagrahis', nine ordinary politicals and 47 detenus in Hazaribagh Jail.—United Press.

LONDON.—A Risaldar Major of the Indian Army last night (Thursday) broadcast a brief message of greetings to the people of China. Speaking in Hindustani he said "I am very glad to hear that General Chiang-Kai-Shek has gone to India and I wish to send greetings to China on behalf of the people of India." The Officer who is a veteran of many years' service is the holder of two Indian honours in addition to war medals including those of last war.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Lady Lumley presided at the Annual Public Meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Bombay on Wednesday.

Lady Lumley attended a dance for seamen organised by the Ladies Guild at the Prince of Wales Seamen's Institute on Wednesday.

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AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EXCELSIOR—"World Premiere" 4, 6-30 9-30
REGAL—"Kipps" 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Western Union" 4 6-30 & 9-30
METRO—"International Squadron" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Garib" 3, 6 & 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12 noon.
MINERVA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-15 & 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Beti" 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-45, 5-45 & 9
LAMINGTON—"Lamington" 4, 7 & 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 11-45 a.m. and 3 & 6 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 & 9 Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Gangavataran" 4-15 7 & 10 p.m. Matinee at 1-30 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" 4-30 7-15 & 10 p.m. Matinee to-day & to-morrow 1-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Municipality" 3 6 & 9 p.m. Matinee 12-30 noon.
EDWARD—"Kangan" 4 6-30 & 10 p.m. Matinee at 1-30 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4 6-45 & 9-45 p.m. Matinee at 1 p.m.
PALACE—"A Woman's Face" 4 6-30 & 10
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 & 10 p.m. Matinee at 1-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" 4, 7 & 9-45 p.m. Matinee at 1 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

UTHAMNA CEREMONY.

SJT. RATILAL MOTILAL VAKIL EXPIRED on Friday. The Uthamna ceremony will be performed at the residence of his brother-in-law. Sjt. Laxmidas M. Shrikant, Shree Bhuvan, Sandhurst Road, to-day (Saturday), in the evening at 4 (B.T.).

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: Mr. Patwardhan will speak on "Atmospheric Pressure" to-day (Saturday) in Room No. 2 at 4 p.m.

DAWOODI BOHRA LITERARY SOCIETY: A "Recitation Evening" will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8-45 p.m. at Mohmedi Baug, Khokha Bazar. Mr. Shayda will preside.

MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION: The 27th annual general meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. in the Union Hall, Court House, Dhobi Talao.

"INDIA & WAR": Lecture on the above subject by Dr. M.G. Purdy in the Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya Hall, Gowalia Tank Rd., at 7 p.m. to-day (Saturday).

IDEAL MUSICO (Music Club): A concert of classical music by Sjt. Sawai Gandharva will be held to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 8-30 at Kittee Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Rd., Dadar

ZOROASTRIAN WELFARE ASSOCN.: To-day (Saturday) Miss Perin Nariman will lecture on "The Parsi Women" at the Welfare Centre Pavilion, Cowasji Jehangir Colony, Tardeo, at 6-30 p.m.

STUDENTS' UNION, UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS & SOCIOLOGY: Ninth annual social gathering to-day, at 4 p.m. Sir Chunilal B. Mehta presiding.

LECTURE ON KATHA UPANISHAD: Swami Sambuddhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram will conduct the weekly class on Katha Upanishad, to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. in Merzellow Building, 54, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar (B.B. & C.I. Rly.).

GALLERY LUNCH TO MAYOR: The Municipal Corporation Press Gallery Association will give a lunch party to His Worship the Mayor and the Municipal Commissioner at the Purohit Restaurant at 1-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday).

HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION: The opening ceremony of an exhibition of handicrafts and sewing articles will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. (B.T.) in the Gilder Tank Building, Grant Rd. Seth Vithaldas Damodar Govindji will preside.

A.R.P. GIRGAON: All A.R.P. Wardens are requested to attend to-morrow (Sunday) at 7-30 a.m. (sharp) in the Robert Money School, Proctor Rd., the lecture on "Organisation—Local and General" by Mr. M.N. Akerkar.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: The Divisional Warden and the Divisional Medical Officer will deliver the third lecture on "First-Aid to the Injured" to-day (Saturday) in the premises of Messrs. the Indian Hume Pipe Co., Ltd., Antop Hill, Wadala, at 5 p.m.

A.R.P. PAREL & SEWRI AREAS: All A.R.P. Wardens are requested to attend tomorrow (Sunday) at 9-45 a.m. (sharp) in the B.M. Boys' High School, Gokhale Society Lane, Parel, the lecture on "Organisation—Local and General" by Mr. M.N. Akerkar.

A.R.P. LECTURE: Mr. R.S. Lopez, B.A., Government A.R.P. Instructor, will give a demonstrative lecture on "A.R.P. and Fire-fighting Methods" to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. at St. Rita School, Byculla. Rt. Rev. Mgr. Andrew D'Souza, Vicar, Gloria Church Byculla, will preside.

SUBURBAN MUSIC CIRCLE: A concert of the above will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the Vimalanand Koppikar Hall, Saraswat Colony, Santa Cruz, when Bismillah and Party will entertain the members to instrumental music (Shahnai solos).

FREE YOGIC AND NATURAL TREATMENTS: Yogiraj Umeshchandraji will give the treatments and chronic diseases cure at Ramtirth Yogashram, 448, Sandhurst Road, Bombay 4, to-morrow (Sunday) between 6-30 and 10 a.m. for males and on Wednesday between 3 and 5 p.m. (S.T.) for females under a female instructor.

PARTY TO B. RAMRAU: To meet Sir B. Ramrau and Lady Ramrau, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Turkhad gave a tea-party at their residence, at Chowpatty on Friday afternoon. Among those present were also Sir V. N. and Lady Chandavarkar, Mr. M. Y. Nurie, Mr. Manu Subedar, Mr. M. Taher and a few officials of the Bombay Port Trust.

ART & CRAFT EDUCATION SOCIETY: A general meeting of the Art and Craft Education Society will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the premises of the Ketkar's Art Institute, under the presidentship of Prof. V.G. Rao.

The late Sheth Lalji Rewashanker Ojha, father of the well-known merchant Sheth Amritlal Ojha, lately President of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce, passed away at Morvi on the 8th inst. from heart failure.

The late Mr. Rewashanker Ojha was of a very enterprising nature, and though he started in business early at Anjar in Cutch, he soon shifted his operations to Jharia coal-fields. There he laid the foundation of business in coal which later came to be developed into a first class coal firm by his son, Seth Amritlal Ojha, known as Amritlal Ojha & Co., Ltd.

Bombay Civil Courts Act Amendment

There is no arrangement at present for the disposal of urgent civil work during the vacations as there is of criminal work. When the Sessions Judge of a District goes out of his District during the vacation, the Sessions Judge (or Additional Sessions Judge) of a neighbouring District is appointed Additional Sessions Judge for the disposal of urgent criminal work in the first district, and such Sessions Judge (or Additional Sessions Judge) disposes of the criminal work at his own headquarters. In view of section 5 of the Bombay Civil Courts Act, 1869, civil work cannot be disposed of outside the District in which it arises. The Government, therefore, proposes to amend that Act to enable the District Judge of a neighbouring District who will be appointed Joint Judge in the absence of the District Judge during the vacation to dispose of civil work in either District.

A draft Bill has been published in the Government Gazette of Thursday, Feb. 12. Any objections to the proposed Bill must reach the Secretary, Home Department before March 10.

LATE JAMNALAL BAJAJ: Condolence meeting, Raja Govindlal Pitti presiding, at Raja Bahadur Sir Banshilal Pitti Hall, Vidya-Bhavan, Fanaswadi, to-day (Saturday), at 4 p.m. (S.T.) under the auspices of several Marwadi associations.

BHAGINI SAMAJ: T. N. Malvi Balmandir Day celebration in connection with the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Bhagini Samaj, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. at the Sunderbai Hall, Fort, when Sir Purshotamdas Thakordas will preside. Kaka Kalelkar and Mrs. Taraben Modak will speak on "Child Education."

SHANKARRAO DEO'S ADDRESS: A public meeting will be held at Thana on the ground opposite School No. 1, to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. when Mr. Shankarrao Deo, member of the Working Committee, will address.

SOCIAL WELFARE GROUP: Swasthiya Mandir of Social Welfare Group have started a series of lectures. The 14th lecture will be given on "How to protect yourself in Air Raid" at Swasthiya Mandir office, on Kalbadevi Road, above Swadeshi Market, tomorrow (Sunday) at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.).

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE: By Swami Sambuddhanandaji of Ramkrishna Mission, Khar Rd., to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Rd., Fort, in English, on "Vedanta Philosophy" (Brahma Sutra).

GOVT. HOUSE NEWS: The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley lunched with H. H. the Maharaja of Rajpipla at the Race-Course on Friday. The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended the Finals of the Western India Lawn Tennis Championships and Lady Lumley gave away the prizes on Friday. The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley gave a small Cocktail Party at Government House on Friday.

A.R.P. COURSE FOR SCHOOLS

With a view to providing every school with trained A.R.P. personnel, the Safety First Association of India will hold a course in the Conference Hall, Electric House, Fort consisting of four evening lectures commencing on Tuesday (Feb. 17) followed by a three-day intensive course of lectures demonstrations and practical work commencing on 4th March. Only heads of schools and two members of the staff deputed by the school authorities will be admitted. Candidates must attend all the evening lectures and the full programme of the Intensive Course. There will be a written and a practical examination and diplomas will be awarded to successful candidates. Applications for admission, accompanied by a payment of Re. 1/8 to cover cost of A.R.P. literature etc., must reach the Hon. General Secretary on or before 12 noon on Saturday (to-day).

B. P. C. C. Urgent Meeting

An urgent meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held today (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House, to pass a resolution of condolence on the sad and untimely death of Sheth Jamnalal Bajaj. Another urgent meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

Karachi: H. E. the Governor of Sind has sent a message to the Governor of Burma, saying that he was sending half a lakh of rupees as a contribution from the people of Sind to be used at his discretion in alleviation of distress arising out of the war situation in Burma.

Reports from Sinkiang indicate further all-round enhancement of taxation by the Provincial Government in China's far-western dominion.

BANK ESTABLISHED WITH A CAPITAL OF 2 CRORES

Development Of Indian States In Co-operation With British India

We understand a determined effort is being made to assist the development of Indian States and thereby to improve the economic conditions in the country in general.

A group of prominent businessmen in co-operation with representatives of Indian States—among these being Messrs. Ramakrishna Dalmia and Cassumally Munji—propose launching into existence a bank with a capital of two crores with this object in view. H. H. the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes and H.H. the Maharajah of Dewas (Jr.) are the prime movers in this scheme which has also the support of several other Princes of Central India and Kathiawar.

Apart from the usual banking business carried on by joint stock banks, the bank will undertake the development of rural uplift within the States and establish industries in the States wherever possible.

In addition to the development of banking in rural areas, insurance will be fostered. Improvement in agricultural products with a view to benefiting the producer is also one of the objects in view.

HARRIS SHIELD

Anjuman-i-Islam School Creates Record

The finals of the Lord Harris Tournament were played between Anjuman-i-Islam High School and Robert Money School on the Hindu Gymkhana ground. The Anjuman-i-Islam High School won the shield for the fifth year in succession and has thus created a new record in the history of the tournament which dates back to 1893. The Anjuman-i-Islam High School team defeated the rival team by six wickets. The following is the score:—Robert Money School 1st innings 140; 2nd innings. 107. Anjuman-i-Islam H. School 1st innings 126; 2nd innings 123 for four.

WONDER DRUG BY AIR

When the British Red Cross in the Middle East found they could no longer obtain supplies of a sulphonamide urgently needed to prevent septic infections, they wired to the American Red Cross and asked for the despatch by air of 10 lbs. of this drug and a further 90 lbs. to follow by sea.

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Poona Socialist Arrested On Nizam's Warrant

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Feb. 11.

Mr. Narayan Ganesh Gore, Secretary, Maharashtra Congress Socialist Party, and member, All-India Kisan Council, was arrested this morning on a warrant from Gulbarga, Nizam State. The warrant is for alleged seditions speech during the last Ganesh festival. He will be taken to Gulbarga to-day.

The bail application made on behalf of Mr. Gore was rejected by the District Magistrate.

Mr. Gore denied in a statement, having committed any offence in the jurisdiction of Gulburga and challenged the validity of the warrant as having no 'prima pacie' case made.

Elphinstone College Principal Retires

(From A Correspondent).

A farewell tea-party was given by the students of Elphinstone College to their retiring first Indian Principal, Mr. G. B. Jathar, on Thursday last in the College premises.

Glowing tributes were paid by the students to the Principal for his bright career. Students felt that something dearer to them was being snatched away from their hearts, for Mr. Jathar was the most respected Principal that the College ever had.

Principal Jathar expressed his gratitude saying that what he had done was nothing but his duty towards the students and thanked the students for the spirit of co-operation shown to him in all the problems of administration that he had to face.

CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER CONTROL BOARD

NEW DELHI: Feb. 13.

It is announced that the Government of India have formed a Central Electric Power Control Board to advise them in the more effective control of the working and development of electricity undertakings in the interests of the war effort.

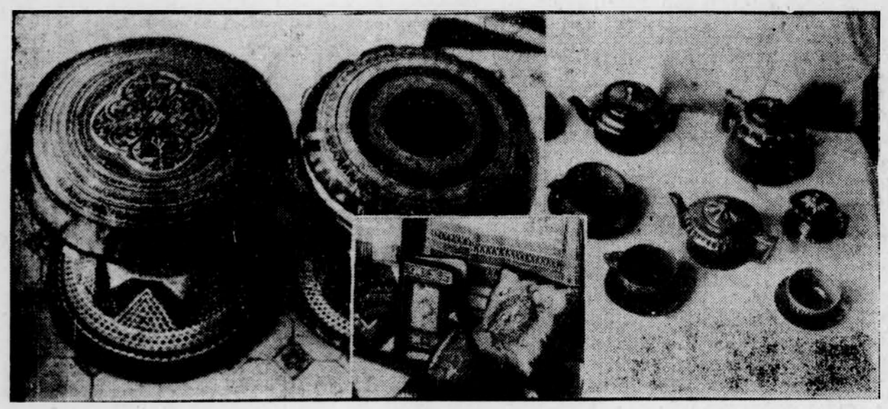
The Board is composed of the Secretary to Government in the Labour Department as Chairman, representatives of Supply, Commerce and Defence Departments as members, and an Under-Secretary in the Labour Department as Secretary. The Electrical Commissioner with the Government of India will represent the Supply Department.

Provincial Governments have agreed to assist the Government of India in the administration of control.

Major R. N. Bacon, Political Agent, Khyber, will join a battalion on March 1. Capt. J. O. S. Donald at present City Magistrate, Peshawar, will be the new Political Agent, Khyber.

SHANTINIKETAN CRAFT WORK

In the presence of a select gathering, which included several European ladies and gentlemen Madame Sophia Wadia declared open on Friday morning at the New Era School Gowalia Tank, an exhibition of specimens of handicrafts of the Shilpa Bhavana or industries department of the Viswabharati University at Shantiniketan. The collection includes beautiful specimens of embossed leather work, decorated pottery, textiles, lacquer—ware, etc. The exhibition will remain open to-day and to-morrow.



Specimens of craft work of the Shilpa Bhavana or Industries Department of the Institute of Reconstruction of Viswabharati University, Shantiniketan, an exhibition of which is being held at the New Era School, Gowalia Tank.

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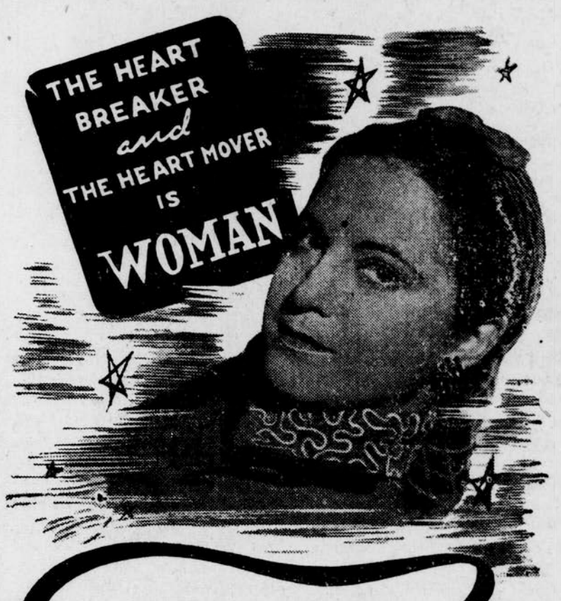

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FARCE OF REPRESENTATION

A corollary to the country's demand for immediate self-government is the representation of the Indian National Government on the War Cabinet and all inter-Imperial and international conferences. The Non-Party Conference has specifically demanded such representation, which has also been embodied in the cable sent to Mr. Churchill by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and several other leaders. Government long ignored this question altogether. We do not know if Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek, who desires active co-operation with India in the Eastern Front, made any inquiry about India's representation in all war councils affecting India. But suddenly we learn from a communique from Delhi which says: "His Majesty's Government are anxious that India should be afforded the same opportunity as the Dominions of being represented at the War Cabinet and on the Pacific War Council for the purposes of the formulation and direction of policy for the prosecution of the war. They have accordingly invited the Government of India to arrange for such representation if they so desire."

Not People's Representative

The announcement, however will enthuse none and deceive none. For so long as the Government of India themselves are not representative of the people, their representatives cannot be said to represent the people truly. The position is not really affected by Mr. Amery's statement in the Commons that the "Indian representatives will have equal status with Dominion representatives." The so-called Indian representatives may enjoy equal power with those of the Dominions. But in effect the powers will be enjoyed by the British Government either directly nominating India's "representatives" or—what come to the same thing—getting the nomination done by its subordinate agent, the Government of India. Indeed, this sort of representation of India on war councils has already taken place. For almost in the same breath in which Mr. Amery talked of India's equal status with the Dominions, he said that already, the Indian Army was represented both on the general staff of the War Office and on the military side of the War Cabinet." How was this managed? Nothing more simple. Mr. Amery stated that "he, accompanied by the Military Secretary of the India office, who was a Major-General in the Indian Army attended the (Defence) Committee whenever matters affecting Indian interests were under discussion"!

Wanted Real Power

This travesty of representation will be continued, more or less disguised, in the position envisaged by the latest communique mentioned above. Instead of nominating himself or another as India's representative Mr. Amery has left it to the Government of India (responsible to him) to arrange for India's representation "if they so desire." The context forbids the interpretation that "they" stands for the people of India. The people of India have only to "do and die." The rest is in the hands of the "representatives" of the Government of India, who are constitutionally irresponsible. The utmost change under the new system will be that, when there is no time for dictation from Britain, India's "representatives" on the Pacific War Council, will be more under the control of the Viceroy or the Indian Commander-in-Chief than that of Mr. Amery. The change is no better than that from the frying pan into the fire. We do not think it will satisfy even the Moderates. The so-called representation of India is a farce in every department of Central administration. It is particularly so in the Defence Department which is controlled by a non-Indian. The farce will continue till the entire Central administration is controlled by Indians enjoying the confidence of the Central Legislature.

Dutch Diamonds

Mr. Curtin, the Australian Premier, has lost what we hoped was his own unique distinction. He has a rival in Dr. Gerbrandy, the Netherlands Prime Minister, who, too, has added his powerful contribution to the United Nations' war effort against Japan. In a speech at the London Guild Hall, Dr. Gerbrandy treated his audience to a number of valuable Dutch diamonds. He declared, for instance, that "Asia for Asiatics" is a Japanese slogan, which may easily destroy the carefully constructed basis of our cultural synthesis. "This gem, however, is not so well refined as the following real sparkler from Free Holland: "Japanese injuries and insults to the white population—these are already being perpetrated by the detestable Japanese Huns—will irreparably damage white prestige unless severely punished within a short time."

So, according to Doctor Gerbrandy, Japan is to be fought and punished with the help of the Chinese, the Indians, the Philippinos and the "natives" of the East Indies for the vindication of "White prestige"! It is obvious that these "natives" and the rest of the coloured peoples are intended to lay down their lives to uphold the honour of the White Man against Japan whose main crime is not apparently aggression but colour. Their greatest glory, their noblest "raison d'etre" —if the paradox be permitted—are to sacrifice themselves for the "Herrenvolk" of the world. It is true that Gerbrandy reveals a contemptible mentality. But it is also valuable because it betrays what in certain quarters is held to be the object of this righteous war for freedom, democracy and justice.

Unfortunate Escape

As we write further details of attacks upon the "Scharnhorst", the "Gneisenau" and the "Prinz Eugen" have not come in. The battle was clearly fought by both sides with the grim determination which the stakes demanded. In the British losses were twenty bombers and sixteen fighters as against eighteen fighters lost by the Germans The British losses are quite heavy but they are by no means so if the three warships were crippled sufficiently effectively to remain immobilised, for, say, another six months. But this is not definitely known yet. What, on the contrary, is definite is that the warships which had remained trapped for so many months in Brest have escaped to the much better safety of home ports which provide also greater facilities for repairs. This is a distinctly unfortunate development. With the 'von Tirpitz' and two pocket-battleships—if not also another monster of the Tirpitz class which was rumoured to be in process of completion—at large and with the recent loss on their side of the "Barham", the "Prince of Wales" and the "Repulse", the British can ill afford for a whole year the emergence against them of two battleships and a heavy cruiser. These battleships will increase the danger to British sea lanes in north Atlantic and more than double it to communications between Britain and Russia. And this will by no means be the only result of their escape.

Frankly Speaking

A Berlin Admission

The Berlin correspondent of a Swiss paper reports that the Nazis do not deny that French deliveries are taking place to Libya via Tunis, but that they assert, on the other hand, that Vichy, like all neutrals, has the right to trade in war materials with belligerents. Vichy is not a neutral in that sense and cannot "trade in war materials" with Germany except after signing a peace treaty But neither the Nazis nor the Vichy French are bothered by legal or moral considerations. The Berlin statement, therefore, is of value as openly confirming Berlin-Vichy collaboration. At any rate, it is obvious that Admiral Darlan has decided to continue his service to the Germans in Libya. This is bound to render General Auchinleck's task still harder. In this connection it is interesting to note that Lord Beaverbrook has announced the production of a new gun to which, so it is claimed, German and Italian tanks cannot stand If this claim is correct and if also these anti-tank guns have been delivered in quantity, the Eighth Army ought to give a very good account of itself against General Rommel.

British Production

The picture of Production which Lord Beaverbrook gave to the House of Lords has two sides to it. On the bright side are the facts that Britain has so far managed to fulfil all obligations to the Soviet Union according to schedule, that production of munitions and tanks is rising continuously and rapidly and that Britain has found and already manufactured in quantity a really effective anti-tank gun. But there is, as we say, another side also to the picture. The figures of total British production in tanks and aircraft and of American help during 1941 are not given. But if Britain sent abroad 10,000 planes and 300 tanks it may safely be assumed that she did not build more than 20,000 planes and 6,000 tanks during the year 1941. Are these figures, we wonder, quite satisfactory? Another noteworthy point is that Lord Beaverbrook took notice of complaints against workers, but completely ignored the workers' allegations of inefficiency and complacency on the part of employers. And yet it is their side of the case that calls for immediate attention. Lord Beaverbrook forgot all this. He also forgot the revelations made by the Russian Trade Union Delegates.

Elimination

In his statement made in the Orissa Assembly the Premier made the amazing remark: "The formation of a truly National Government should be the ideal. This can be achieved by eliminating all opposition in the Legislature." He evidently forgot that an Opposition is an essential element in a parliamentary Government. But he seems to have adopted a somewhat nasty way of eliminating Congress Opposition in the Legislature. He has used the long arm of the Defence of India Act to eliminate from the Legislature several Congress members, and it is intriguing that he has done this at the very time the Legislature is in session. We need not speculate who is abetting or instigating him. But the Congress President must have had good reason to suspect that "the Defence of India Act is being pressed into service to stifle public opinion, and to reduce the number of inconvenient legislators by resorting to these methods."

Case For Action

We have received a large number of letters regarding the behaviour of some soldiers in the city and the failure of the authorities concerned to give protection to the public, especially to women. Much can be forgiven to the soldiers and so long as their behaviour is the result merely of the exuberance of spirit and does no moral or physical damage to person it may be tolerated. But, instances have occurred where women have been molested. This cannot and should not be permitted and the military and police authorities must take immediate action.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Women who own cut glass shouldn't throw stones.

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Too many men try to adjust their religion to fit their business.

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A woman may be as old as she looks but she is seldom as young as she acts.

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Conversing with a man who always agrees with you is almost as monotonous as talking to an echo.

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Some men who are always grumbling about hard times would consider it an insult if anyone were to offer them a job.

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When a man plants sunflower seed with the expectation of raising rainbows his foolishness has passed the danger limit.

H. G. Wells On India

(From Our London Correspondent.)

LONDON, (By Mail).

Since the declaration of the Atlantic Charter, Sir Hari Singh Gour has been going up and down the country trying to create public opinion in favour of application of clause three of the Charter to India.

Sir Hari has also issued a pamphlet in which he attempts to make a case that Mr. Winston Churchill had agreed to the grant of Dominion Status to India during the discussions that preceded the passing of the 1935 Government of India Act. For some time Sir Hari has been canvassing members of Parliament and other public figures in Britain in support of a new organisation, called Indo-British Union, which will work for the application of Statute of Westminster to India under a Dominion constitution.

Mr. H. G. Wells was one of those whose support Sir Hari tried to obtain.

This is what Mr. Wells wrote to Sir Hari in reply in the form of an Open Letter:

Dear Sir Hari Singh Gour,

I have to acknowledge a most form of an Open Letter:

remarkable letter and pamphlet from you, so remarkable, indeed, in tone and substance, that I am provoked to give my reply to you the character of an open letter. You address me as one of the oppressors of "India" and you assume, absurdly enough, the pose of being my downtrodden subject. As a matter of fact you are one of the "ruling class" of the British Empire. Your participation has been honoured by a knighthood and by a variety of academic distinctions, while I, on the other hand, one of those common Englishmen who are fighting for the ending of war, a republican and a radical, can boast of no such evidences of confidence from the Imperial Government. You are now attempting, in the crisis of our warfare, to take advantage of the supposed gullibility of the American people about India to forward certain preposterous political ambitions of your own. I can put no other interpretation upon your letter and your pamphlet.

Your pamphlet is called "Truth about India". In it you state that "India" is being held down in a state of political subjection by my sort of people, "the British people". The population of the Indian peninsula is four hundred millions. The British garrison is about one hundred thousand. So that every individual British in India is holding down about four thousand Indians. On the face of it that seems incredible. And I gather that, unless I do something about it, you are going to make—forgive my colloquialism—a hell of a stink about it in America. Now! You are proposing to make a propaganda against the British in this war, on account of this brutal subjugation of four hundred million people.

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Incidentally, you make the most extraordinary assumptions about what I may call the Plaintiff and the Defendant in this affair. You talk about the "British people". But there is in Great Britain neither a "people" nor a "nation". It is a group of peoples and nations with very different cultural and linguistic traditions. Consider, for example, Wales. Consider Mr. Compton Mackenzie's Scotland. And still less is there an Indian people. This "India" of yours, for whose sake you make these open threats of treason to your erstwhile associates in the British governing class, who are now absorbed in war with Germany, is a mere geographical region with more languages, races, cultures and traditions than all Europe. Simultaneously with your letter and pamphlet comes a pamphlet from Cambridge, fiercely denouncing your idea of "India" as a "nation", and asserting the cultural unity of Islam throughout the world. It represents the "Pakestani" movement, and I think you might very well devote some of your controversial energy to thrashing out your ideas with Mr. C. Rahmat Ali before you attack me and start this anti-British campaign of yours as the crisis of our war.

I am, as you know, a sort of journalist of ideas, and consequently I receive quite considerable quantities of printed matter from India on behalf of various types of opinion in India. You and Mr. C. Rahmat Ali represent only two of a vast variety of poses assumed by Indian writers towards the future of mankind. Mostly, they are anti-British, but, apart from that, the picture they present of the Indian political consciousness is disorderly and incoherent to the extremist degree.

I read your pamphlet, I do not find it a presentation of any conceivable alternative. Why do you not do something about it for yourselves, I mean your associates in particular, instead of trying to set Americans and British by the ears? I do not like the present India Office any more than you do, but it is not the business of downtrodden unofficial Englishmen to invent a new Government for India. It is for you to advise about that. I agree that it is shocking that a small group of British officials of the Blimp type are able to insult and put such fine intelligences as Nehru into jail and subject them to the most insulting treatment. But what am I to do about it here in London? I have no standing in the matter. I do not belong to the Imperial Governing class, and you do. You must know far more than I do about your fellow-authorities. What have you personally done for Nehru? I want to get rid of a regime of old men and turn our India Office upside down just as much as you profess to do. But how can one set about a new India when you have nothing definite to put before us except a clamour for the British to get out?

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Suppose now some revolution occurred here in England and a new British Government did to the handful of British in India what the Germans did recently to the balts in Estonia and Lithuania, and evacuated the lot of them. Your four hundred million people would wake up one morning and learn that the British were packing up, all of them; that the word of Sir Hari Singh Gour was accomplished and India was *free*. What sort of Government would these four hundred million brains improvise? What have you got ready? Tell me, because if you really want to resign your knighthood and all that and join in a war of world liberation, in which the Indian people can participate, I want to know and help. You tell me that America and the rest of the world would be greatly impressed by an English retreat from India, and I have no doubt of that. They might even be shocked. They are a versatile people. And what will *you* be doing? I assume you would be in India and very busy there, rather than just forgiving the British Government in America and joining our cousinly hands again with your Indian blessing. And so will you please give me some idea of the political state of India after this liberation you demand?

My poor imagination reels before that riddle. For the life of me, to be frank with you, I can see nothing in your claims and proposals but the substitution of a minority of about two hundred thousand or less politically-minded and eloquent Indian gentlemen of your type, entirely misrepresentative of that great melange of peoples, languages and races which occupies the peninsula, in the place of the hundred thousand British you would evacuate. I regret our Blimps. I rarely have a good word for them. I would write a letter of personal apology to Nehru, if I were sure his stupid gaolers would let him have my letter. Accounts of his treatment vary widely, and I regret Mr. Amery does not make a public statement about it. But I think the little lot of quite inexperienced people you would substitute would be considerably worse as an administration and just as much of a tyranny as the present one. There have been some good British-born "servants of India", good administrators and devoted men during this British tyranny, and in some instances it may even have been an advantage that they were aliens and detached from the internecine issues of the land. Nevertheless I regard the present situation as unnatural and undesirable, and no one would be gladder to see the Indian peoples consciously participating upon equalitarian lines in the federal Government of the world

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A year ago the Sankey Committee drafted a Declaration of the Rights of Man, in which the absolute equality before the law of every Indian with every other sort of man was clearly asserted as the necessary fundamental law for a renascent world. There was not one single Indian politician, including your distinguished self, who would subscribe to that Declaration, and the reason was that there was no one among you who would not have found that Declaration spiked his real and secret political aims. You see, my dear Sir Hari Singh Gour, I do not believe in you in the least. You cannot give us, we common British and Americans, any sort of picture of this "free India" of yours. You give us nothing but negatives and grievances. You are that most dangerous type of man, an unimaginative narrow-minded, mischief-maker. The only reason why we are not your ardent disciples in this Indian renascence of yours is your total inability to make us believe in this India of your dreams, united, independent, holding her boundaries against all the world, against British, Japanese, Germans and so on. You cannot make us see it. But what you do make us see is the short-sighted grab of a small group of people at a semblance of political power it could not possibly hold for a year. For Moslem India dislikes you, Hyderabad and Bengal and the North West are against you, and when I was in Rajputana the other day, the white caps of the Congress people were excessively unpopular. And so, regretfully, I must subscribe myself your rebellious British subject, for that leggally is what I am.

(Signed) H. G. WELLS.

URDU AND HINDI

The following letter was written on the 29th ult. and sent to Gandhiji by its writer by registered post. It was received at Sevagram on the 31st ult. Gandhiji's reply to it in "Harijan" was reproduced in "The Chronicle" of 9th instant. In the course of the reply Gandhiji said that he would like to form an Association advocating the learning of both Urdu and Hindi:

"I was very much impressed by your convocation address at the Benares University. Specially your remarks about making Hindustani the medium of instruction in our educational institutions were very apt on the occasion. But do you really believe that there exists in our country any such language as Hindustani? As a matter of fact there is no such language, and I am afraid that at Benares you advocated the cause of Hindi and not of Hindustani, and that is the way with all the Congressmen. I wonder why you openly don't say what you really mean. Say, you want Hindi. Why call it Hindustani, or still worse Hindi-Hindustani, by which name you wanted to call it some years back and which nobody ever used?

Mahatmaji you say you have no antipathy towards Urdu; still you openly called it the language of Mussalmans, which is written in the Quranic script. You even said that the Mussalmans may take care of it, if they so please. And on the other hand, you several times presided over the annual sessions of Hindi Sabhas and advocated the cause of Hindi and collected lakhs of rupees for it. Have you ever presided over any meeting held for the propagation of Urdu, or would you agree to preside over one now, and have you ever collected a pie for the advancement of Urdu?

I have heard Congressmen saying, 'ad nauseam', that the Muslim writers should avoid Persian words and Hindu writers should avoid Sanskrit words, and the resultant language will be Hindustani.

Mahatmaji, you are yourself a very good writer. You must know that practised writers who have developed a style will never be able to avoid Persian or Sanskrit words, if they are part of the language in which they are writing and of which these writers are regarded stylists; so this advice of yours is absolutely impracticable.

But there is a way out. Make both Urdu and Hindi compulsory at least in one province, say U. P., up to the High School standard. By this means, the province in which both the languages are compulsorily taught will have one common language within, say, about fifty years. The language which naturally belongs to us will remain with us, and the other one which we are artificially thrusting upon ourselves will drop out from our lives. It is obvious that when we shall learn both the languages we shall perforce make that one the vehicle of our thoughts which is more developed, more beautiful, more attractive, more concise, and more expressive. Apart from making the path of vernacularisation smooth and easy, this proposal will help a great deal in bridging the wide gulf between the social life of Hindus and Mussalmans. We shall be able to know and sympathise with each other's ideals and beliefs through each other's literature. It is just possible that a new language may evolve out of the mixture of both Hindi and Urdu; then it may be called Hindustani. It will be a natural language when it comes out of the knowledge of both.

Mahatmaji, if you sincerely wish that our country should have one common language, I am sure that you will accept this proposal and will recommend it to the country. But I am sure you will do no such thing. Because you are all along advocating the cause of Hindi and are doing your best to thrust it upon the country. And you must also be knowing that, if both Hindi and Urdu are made compulsory, Urdu will push Hindi out of the field, because Urdu is more chaste, more civilised, more expressive, and more beautiful than Hindi. But my proposal gives equal chances to both the languages. If you believe that Hindi is the natural language of the country, you may confidently hope that it will push off Urdu. There is no use taking shelter under the excuse that you have no power to make both the languages compulsory, as you wrote to me last year. If you only care to recommend the proposal to the country, it will have its effect."

Lighting Restrictions

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Ever since the authorities commenced to enforce the lighting regulations, I have heard many people complain about the objectionable behaviour of many of those deputed to control this. The majority of them seem to be very officious and are too ready to point out defects where none exist; and I have no doubt that many people have been dragged to court unnecessarily.

The truth of this was brought home to me last evening at about 9-30 p.m., when two Civic Guards rudely walked into my place and complained that the light in my living-room threw a beam on the adjoining road.

At first, their manner of walking through my place without the decency of announcing themselves at once angered me, and then when they pointed out an alleged defect in the light in question, I at once retorted that they were mistaken, as the light in question, was shaded by a shade, which I bought at the Army and Navy Stores, and one approved by the A. R. P. Moreover, I pointed to them that there was a dark venetian blind which was permanently drawn on the verandah opposite, so that no beam of light could possibly pass through on to the road. The house is also separated from the road by a small garden. What these men actually saw, as I and three other guests, who were at that time in my house, pointed out to them, was the diffused light reaching that part of the road, from three municipal lamps, in close proximity to my house

Now, it so happens, that I, myself, am an A. R. P. Medical Warden of this locality and it is only natural that I have acquainted myself perfectly with the regulations and hence shaded my lights accordingly.

It was evident to one and all present, that these men did not know what they were after and did not appear to possess either commonsense or politeness.

Would it not be better for the authorities to appoint a few properly trained men in each Ward and empower these alone to advise people on lighting restrictions, rather than have untrained Civic Guards going about and acting according to their own whims and fancies?

As things are at present this lighting control business is fast becoming a public nuisance, which is a pity, as people who are only too willing to co-operate with the authorities are subject to unnecessary irritation and annoyance.—Yours, etc.,

C. L. D'AVOINE.

Byculla, Feb. 8

Defend Indian Women

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—From what is going on in Bombay about the activities of soldiers in broad daylight and important public thoroughfares, it cannot be that the Government or the Police have no knowledge of it, but no action is taken to stop this nuisance. There can be nothing more degrading for us than to allow this molestation of our women to go on. I am appealing to all men and women, societies and organisations to meet at once and to raise a volunteer corps to be placed wherever this menace moves. We want the co-operation of all college boys and students to defend our women.—Yours etc.,

ATIYA BEGUM.

Hope

"The worldly Hope men set their Hearts upon,
Turns Ashes—or it prospers; and anon
Like snow upon the Desert's dusty Face,
Lighting a little hour or two—is gone".

—OMAR KHAYYAM
(EDWARD FETZGERALD)

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

Berliners are full of confidence that the war this year will be carried to a victorious end by them. They will know that the Fuehrer never exaggerates, and all draw attention to Hitler's latest speech in which he said that 1941 would be a decisive year.

—Zeesen Radio To Africa
February 14, 1941.

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The British Cabinet has invited India to join the War Cabinet and the Pacific Council upon which she is to be represented actually by a nominee of er—"the Government of India.

This, of course, is a historic decision, conceding to India, as it does, equality with the Dominions and even with the Dutch. Yes, it's a historic decision. But please don't die of sheer joy.

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In a speech at the celebration of Lincoln's birthday, Lord Halifax defined the Atlantic Charterist's watchword—in contradistinction to that of the Axis—as "Firmness in right as God gives us to see right."

So that if the Charterists do not see it in connection with India it is clearly the fault of God Almightly Himself.

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Honourable Members of the Central Assembly raised a deal of pother over India's signature to the United Nations' declaration and other irrelevant questions arising out of it.

But we don't see why they should have done it. M.L.A.'s ought to realise that Nations, like soldiers, too, need batmen and India has the unique privilege of being the sole repository of the latter's status.

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Apropos of Doctor Grebrandy's great speech, at the Guild Hall, the junior colleague, while greatly appreciating the Dutch Premier's clarification of the main ISSUE at stake in this War, suggests that the Japanese should award him the Grand Cross of the Rising Sun.

We entirely agree.

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According to Anglo-India it is very hard to understand our military and aerial weakness in the (Malaya) peninsula with so much at stake."

It is very hard, isn't it? But our contemporary must not give in. It must make another effort with the assistance of its London correspondent.

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The chairman of the American Senate Naval Committee emphasises the necessity of "taking the offensive against Japan within the next two years."

Why so much hurry?

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Britain, Lord Beaverbrook announces, has a new and all destroying anti-tank gun, which launched long ago "is now in excellent production."

It's, however, not yet known when it will be in excellent delivery, too.

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"Marshal Petain received Admiral Leahy, the American Ambassador, on Thursday at Vichy. Admiral Darlan was also present."

—Reuter.

It was a very wise precaution on the part of the Admirable Darlan.

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Scotland Yard were hunting a criminal, but the only clue they had was a strip of six photographs. The strip was sent to a northern town and shortly afterwards the following telegram reached the Yard: "Have found four of the wanted men. Hope to get other two soon."

Terrific Naval And Air Losses Inflicted On Japs

Cruisers, Destroyers, Plane Carriers Damaged, Aerodromes Destroyed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

The Japanese lost two large seaplanes, 15 fighter planes, 11 scout bombers and ten additional bombers in the Marshall Islands raids.

In addition to the losses already mentioned, the Navy Department disclosed that at Makin Island in the Marshall Group American Forces destroyed two enemy patrol planes and badly damaged one auxiliary vessel, while a third enemy patrol plane was destroyed at sea.

An official announcement of the raid on Marshall and Gilbert Islands said. The raids were conducted against the islands of Makin, Jaluit, Wotje, Kwajalein and Roi in Kwajalein, and Taroa in Malealap.

At Roi two hangars, ammunition dumps, fuel storage, oil stores, and warehouses and radio buildings were laid waste.

At Wotje the entire shore of installations was turned into a wreckage. They consisted of two hangars, oil and gas storage shops and storehouses, two anti-aircraft batteries and five intermediate coastal guns.

At Tareo, two hangars, all fuel tanks and industrial buildings were destroyed.

At Jaluit, despite rain during the raid, American aircraft attacked two enemy auxiliary vessels and badly damaged one of them.

The enemy suffered the heaviest loss in ships at Kwajalein Island.

The American force discovered ten surface ships and destroyed a converted aircraft carrier and also a light cruiser, a destroyer, three fleet tankers, two submarines, oil cargo vessel, and two large seaplanes, damaging other enemy vessels.

Several Jap Bases Blasted

Hitting with its full power the fleet blasted the following bases. (1) TARAO on MOLOALAP ATOL "with an air base as modern as any in the UNITED STATES." The accommodation was at least for forty-two bombers and fighters. (2) KWAJALEIN, where nearly a score of ships and a large compound were discovered; (3) WOTJE with shore batteries, an air field and between seven and nine vessels; (4) ROI with a compound and well-constructed air base for fighters; (5) JALUIT with a small naval base; (6) ENYBOR with runways and buildings and (7) MAKIN where there was a Seaplane tender and two four-motored bombers.

BIG ENEMY LOSS

The spokesman states that little escaped destruction on any of the Islands attacked. Enemy naval and merchant shipping sunk is estimated to have exceeded 100,000 tons with probably an additional 50,000 tons damaged.

The naval officer's account said: "We struck at precisely two minutes to seven and by noon were on the way out having completed orders. The ships destroyed included the 7,000-ton liner of "YAWATA MARU" type, a modern cruiser, two large submarines, 3,000-ton tankers, five freighters of 5,000-tons—probably minesweepers or mine-layers—and many smaller surface craft, including tugs.

The ships damaged were an old cruiser, four auxiliaries and three large submarines.

The fleet units participating in the raid consisted of a well-balanced group of aircraft-carriers, cruisers and destroyers under the command of Vice-Admiral F. HALSIE (Jr.).

U. S. Lose 11 Bombers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

A navy department communique based on additional reports regarding the Marshal and Gilbert islands action announced that the United States have lost eleven scout bombers, adding that awards to the officers and men participating in the action will be announced later.

TULAGI BOMBED.

MELBOURNE:— The Japanese bombed Tulagi in Solomon Islands. No damage is reported. This was stated by Mr. Drakeford, The Australian Air Minister.

Jap Aircraft Carrier Destroyed

A telegram from Melbourne says:

Two Japanese transports of 7,000 and 8,000 tons received direct hits in Wednesday afternoon's attack on Japanese shipping at Gasmata, New Britain, according to a later air 'communique.'

Violent anti-aircraft fire was encountered during the raid.

The U. S. Navy announces the destruction of one 7,000 ton aircraft-carrier, one light cruiser, one destroyer, two submarines and 11 auxiliary vessels in the Marshal Islands raid.

The American losses in the Marshal Islands raid totalled 11 aircraft and some personnel casualties.

Fredrick Whyte On War Situation

LONDON, Feb. 13.

We are now passing through one of the grave stages of the war, declared Sir Frederick Whyte, formerly Economic Adviser to the Chinese Government and a personal friend of Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek speaking at a conference of women in London to-day. "Although I see no reason to draw a long face over it, I think we have to brace ourselves for a much bigger effort even than the effort we have made hitherto", said Sir Frederick. "The facts of to-day are undoubtedly grim."

BATTLE FOR SINGAPORE

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the British People have yet had to bear.—Reuter.

If Australia's "Maginot Line Falls

SYDNEY, Feb. 13.

"Singapore has been to Australia what the Maginot Line was to France and in the hour of crisis it has no less tragically failed" says the leading article in to-day's "Sydney Morning Herald' "If it falls, as seems inevitable", the article continues, "all Asia will reverberate to the loss of this bastion in the Far East. Australians would be blind indeed if they failed to perceive how deadly their danger becomes. Australians must prepare to face what lies before them with stout hearts".

BR. FORCES OFFER STIFF RESISTANCE

TOKYO, Feb. 13.

At 12 midnight on Friday the official Domei Agency admitted that British forces are still offering fierce resistance in the neighbourhood of Singapore race course about two miles north-west of the town and in the region of the reservoirs over four miles north of the town.

Early on Thursday morning Tokio claimed that the racecourse had been used by their troops as a rest base the previous night while advanced Japanese forces had penetrated into Singapore itself and were engaged in hand-to-hand fighting in the streets.

Not a single British defender could be seen in the northwest suburbs, it was stated

This morning the Domei Agency says that bitter fighting is going on in the Singapore perimeter zone.

In the reservoirs region the British possess strong artillery which is engaged in a violent duel with Japanese artillery the Agency adds.

South Africa Must Get Ready For Home Defence

CAPETOWN, Feb. 13.

The need for a Ministry of Home Defence in South Africa was put forward in the Assembly on Thursday by the Government front bencher, Mr. Blackwell, who had recently visited Australia, flying back 'via' Singapore

Mr. Blackwell said that the South Africans should consider what lay between the north coast of Sumatra and the Japanese Navy and the Union. There was Mauritius with no permanent fortifications and the fine port of Saint Lois From Mauritius one went to Madagascar. There was no reason why the Vichy French should not hand over the island to the Japanese.

Next to Madagascar lay Mozambique with two great forts, neither of which were capable of proper defence. Not only were Mozambique and Madagascar not defended—they were the two outposts of whatever defences South Africa could put up. Once the enemy had reached Komati Port, Beira or the coast of Natal, there would be no more chance of defending South Africa than there had been of defending Thailand or Malaya.

20,000 BRITISH TROOPS IN SINGAPORE

BERLIN, Feb. 13.

Twenty thousand British troops are resisting violently in Singapore City, and, particularly, in the eastern section of the suburbs, according to a Tokyo despatch to the official German News Agency. —Reuter.

Bengal Minister Meets "C. R."

MADRAS, Feb. 13.

The Hon. Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Minister for Local Self-Government and Civil Defence, Government of Bengal, who returned this morning from Madura where he had gone after interviewing Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose in the Trichinopoly Jail met Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, ex-Premier of Madras, and Mr. S. Satyamurthy, M.L.A. (Central.)

He had long discussions with them on the present political situation particularly with reference to the new Ministry in Bengal to which both the leaders extended their whole-hearted blessings.

Mr. Basu left for Calcutta tonight by the Calcutta Mail.—United Press.

MUZAFFARPUR, Feb. 12.

Abolition of the Zemindari system and introduction of a Socialistic administration were urged by resolutions adopted at the Muzaffarpur District Socialists Conference which concluded its session last night under the presidentship of Mr. Abul Hayat Chand.

On Philippine Front

SPORADIC FIGHTING IN BATAAN

Japanese Dive-Bombers Bomb Their Own Infantry In Error

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

The destruction of two Japanese dive-bombers by American anti-aircraft guns during increasing fighting in the Philippines is reported by the War Department.

Japanese dive-bombers supporting their own patrol, mistakenly bombed and machine-gunned their own infantry causing heavy casualties.

Fighting In Bataan

The text of the War Department 'communique' reads: "PHILIPPINE THEATRE:—There was aggressive enemy patrol action characterised by sporadic fighting in Bataan during the past 24 hours. Enemy dive-bombers were active and two were shot down by our anti-aircraft guns. Japanese dive-bombers mistakenly bombed and machine-gunned their own infantry with heavy casualties. The victims of the erroneous attack were elements of the 122 Japanese Regiment attached to General Akira Nara's 65th division. Nothing to report from other areas".

MacArthur's Superb Resistance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

The United States War Department has issued the following communique on Thursday evening "PHILIPPINE THEATRE: General MacArthur is in receipt of a message from the Puertorican House of Representatives congratulating him and his men on their magnificent resistance to Japanese invasion.

On behalf of his troops General MacArthur has sent his appreciative acknowledgment to the speaker of the Puertorican House of Representatives.

General MacArthur has transmitted to the War Department the text of the Proclamation issued by the Japanese Commander of the Philippine Forces forbidding the publication and distribution of newspapers, magazines, books and periodicals without the permission of the Japanese."

The Proclamation declares according to the communique that "Anyone who violates any of the abovementioned provisions shall be severely punished according to military laws."

The Japanese Commander's name is Lieutenant-General Masaharu Homma.

The communique adds 'Nothing to report from other areas".

"SCORCHED EARTH" IN MACASSAR

BATAVIA, Feb. 13.

The port of Macassar, to which the Dutch applied the scorched earth policy before withdrawal, is still ablaze to-day according to a 'communique' issued on Friday by the headquarters of the Netherlands East Indies forces, which states: "Telegraphic reports from Macassar indicate that the original announcement about the Japanese landing at Balangnipa is not correct. Recent reports show that yesterday evening the harbour district of Macassar was still on fire as the result of the extensive destruction, which had been carried out. Because of these destructions, also in south of Celebes, the enemy will not find anything of use to him.

No further reports have been received from other theatres of war in the Netherlands Indies Archipelago. Enemy air activity was mainly confined to reconnaissance over the outer provinces".

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR BURMA

RANGOON, Feb. 13.

At a largely attended session of the House of Representatives held somewhere in Burma with the Hon. U Hla Pe, Deputy Speaker in the Chair, owing to the absence of the Hon. U. Chit Hlaing who was reported to be occupied in the Town, the Finance Minister presented the Budget before the House.

The Budget shows a deficit of Rs. 82 lakhs. The Minister said that the question of fresh taxation was kept open owing to the varying fortunes of the war.

The House earlier condoled the death of Mr. K. C. Bose, Indian representative of East Rangoon, who died in Calcutta some time back.

The Senate also held a similar Budget session somewhere in Burma.—United Press.

BENGALI UNDER-GRADUATE RAISES £100 FOR SOVIET.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 1?.

The eighteen year old Lachmi Sen Gupta, a Bengali undergraduate of Bedford College for Women and member of the Cambridge University Majlis, gave Indian Devadasi dances at Cambridge and helped to raise £100 for medical aid to Soviet.

Sir Stafford Cripps' letter to Lachmi said: My heartiest congratulations to the good work done for aid to the Soviet Union and the close friendship between Free India, which I hope will emerge from war and the victorious Soviet Union.

Cambridge Indians have decided to raise £250.

FIRST VICTORY FOR CONGRESS

Premier's Statement Expunged From Assembly Proceedings

CUTTACK, Feb. 12.

"The objects of the present Ministry is purely one of nation saving in time of war and nation-building as far as possible. It is, therefore, necessary that all members of the Legislature, irrespective of their political creed, should co-operate to achieve the common purpose. In fact, the formation of a truly National Government should be the ideal. This can be achieved by eliminating all opposition in the Legislature, particularly so small as ours, at a time like the present one, when we are threatened daily with wild rumours of foreign invasion, and by preparations which we are making to meet it."

Thus observed the Maharaja of Parlakimedi, Premier of Orissa, in a statement after question hour in the Orissa Assembly to-day.

Mr. Biswanath Das then moved that the statement made by the Maharaja of Pralakimedi, the Premier, be expunged from the proceedings as under the rules there was no provision for such a statement.

After discussion the Speaker gave his ruling directing that the statement be expunged.

The Speaker also announced that he had received notice of four no-confidence motions, three against the Ministry and one against the Finance Minister.

February 18 has been fixed for taking up the no-confidence motions.—A. P.

CHINESE RECAPTURE KOYANG

Inflict 500 Casualties During Victorious Fight

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13.

A communique announces that Chinese troops have recaptured Koyang 60 miles north-east of Mengcheng which was earlier reported to have been taken.

A later Chinese communique announcing the recapture of Koyang says, "The Japanese entered Koyang on Monday evening. After receiving reinforcements the Chinese counter-attacked, reoccupying the city on Tueday afternoon and inflicting 500 casualties on the Japanese. The Japanese remnants retreated to the north-east."—Reuter.

CHINESE RETAKE HWAIYUAN

BOMBAY, Feb. 13.

To-day's Chinese War Communique, as released by the Official News Agency here, announces the recapture of Hwaiyuan, by Chinese forces, another north Anhwei highway town west of Mengcheng at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

A Japanese unit broke into Hwaiyuan in the previous night. The defenders, who were still on the outskirts, lost no time in launching a violent counter-attack, which cost the enemy more than 900 soldiers killed and wounded before the remnants were put to flight towards their original positions. On the way of his retreat, the enemy has again been intercepted at several points by the Chinese pursuit forces.

On the central Suiyuan front, in north-west China, the Chinese re-occupied several important villages, south of Paotow last Sunday morning. Approximately 400 Japanese were killed and wounded during the fight in that area throughout the previous night. The Chinese also destroyed 18 enemy planes.—A. P.

Azad Inaugurates Punjab Volunteer Corps

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

A call to the people of India to muster strong under the Congress flag and fight for the freedom of their country, was made by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, performing the flag hoisting ceremony at Bradlaugh Hall this morning.

Maulana Azad said that every free nation of the world had its own flag, which was flown at housetops during the peace time and in the battlefield, during war. But, unfortunately, India was a slave country and, therefore, they could not fly their flag on their houses. Millions of Indians were, however, flying their flag in their hearts and he hoped that every man and woman would take a pledge to keep their flag flying up at all costs.

Later Maulana Azad inaugurated the Volunteers Corps, which has been formed in accordance with the decision of the All-India Congress Committee.

In the course of a brief speech Maulana Azad said that at this critical juncture when the war was approaching the shores of India there was a great need for such an organisation to serve their country. The volunteers corps, he pointed out, would have to pass through a test and he had every hope that it would come out successful.

The Congress President then drove to Shahdra where he inspected the workers' training centre.

He will address the members of the Punjab Assembly Congress party at the residence of Mian Iftikharuddin in the afternoon.—A. P.

GEN. ROMMEL HELD BACK

Free French, Polish And S. African Troops Help Br. Forces

CAIRO, Feb. 13.

Reuter's special correspondent writes:

Free French and Polish troops with South Africans are helping the men from the United Kingdom to hold back General Rommel in the Gazala-Tmimi-Mekili area where the situation continues to be stabilised.

Though patrolling thereabouts is not on a major scale, considerable battle is being waged—it is a battle for supplies. Both sides are building up material at the top speed.

It now seems clear that there is little advantage for either side to pinch off Bjebel Akdar between Derna and Benghazi unless in possession of sufficient supplies to press on further. The British have twice pushed as far as Aghella but that was not far enough; what is necessary is a push towards Aghella and then to have in hand sufficient supplies to go on further.

HANDICAPPED IN SUPPLIES.

General Rommel has been suffering from the same difficulty. He has managed to come as far as Tmimi but has been obliged to pause there partly to replenish and partly because he came up against strong resistance in that area. But even if British resistance had not been vigorous, he probably would have been obliged in any case for supplies. Thus the question of supply dominates the Libyan battlefield.

ATTEMPT TO RAID TOBRUK FOILED.

R.A.F. Middle East "communique" states: An attempt to raid Tobruk harbour by a large formation of enemy bombers escorted by fighters was prevented by our fighters yesterday. Our aircraft engaged the enemy before they reached their targets.—Reuter.

NATIONAL UNITY

Basis Of Congress Policy, Says Mrs. Naidu

BENARES, Feb. 13.

"Your first duty is to achieve national unity which is the very basis of the Congress policy. Whosoever brings us freedom is our leader, whether Parsi, Hindu, Jain Christian or Muslim. Where India's independence is concerned he must subordinate his religion to the common national good", said Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, speaking at a largely attended public meeting at the Town Hall last evening.

The meeting at the outset passed a condolence resolution on the death of Seth Bajaj.

"What with parties and factions", Mrs. Naidu added, "India is getting divided to a man. You must ask yourselves what you have done for India's freedom. There should be a new orientation in life. Look at Englishmen and English-Women-Duchesses, flower girls, bus conductors, postmen all inwardly feel equal." "What is the use of pacts?" Mrs. Naidu asked. "It is an expediency and nothing else. The Old Man of Sewagram tells us of constructive programme. This old lady who is standing before you to-day also talks of it. Why do you want freedom? It is for women to be able to feed their hungry children and clothe their naked bodies. That is real freedom. Create national unity. National life has no place for divisions." "We mothers", Mrs. Naidu said, "must put heart into our boys. We must ask them to dedicate their lives to their country and be real men—not cowards. There should be no sobstuff.

"YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF BY FEAR"

The great treasure that one could bequeath to one's children is freedom not riches not property, not jewels. We must create India's freedom, Mrs. Naidu continuing said: "You cannot save yourselves by fear. You must win independence by discipline, by courage. Congress workers must go to villages and tell the masses that there is no fear for the poor. You are to die in any case whether by starvation or any other cause. Rather than live in slavery let us die in independence. Mahatma Gandhi is unaffected. He never gets ruffled. He never is rattled. Whether for good or evil we must tell the warring nations clearly where India stands to-day. It is our duty to tell them the ideal for which India stands. Congress majority came into power. Ministers worked for some months and came out. Pandit Pant and Rajaji and others might say that they want to go back to office but who will permit them? It is our right to wrest power and govern ourselves and we are to achieve power. In the Expanded Executive Council tell me which member is working for real freedom? All portfolios, whether Defence of Finance, must be in the hands of Indians. Real power is to be enjoyed and it should have been to some good but as it is we are there only in name".

Mrs. Naidu left for Delhi this morning by the Upper India Express.—A. P.

New Delhi: It is learned that the Government of India have decided to undertake the upkeep until April of the Kazak emigrants, who have encamped in Muzaffarpore, Kashmir State and arrangements are being made to transfer their encampment to Hazara District, Kashmir.

Towards Indo-British Settlement

PRESS SPECULATIONS ON CHIANG'S MISSION TO DELHI

(Continued from Page 1)

the ancient and modern bonds binding our two nations.—A. P.

CHUNGKING HOPES

BOMBAY, Feb. 13.

The genuine welcome from all circles in New Delhi accorded to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek has given great pleasure in Chungking. The Chinese official organ sees in the Generalissimo's visit to India the beginning of closer military collaboration between the two great oriental nations. "From now on", it says, "the age-long Sino-Indian friendship will further grow, while their existing economic ties will increase a hundred times".

HOPE OF SOLVING DEADLOCK

The Chinese journal also expresses the hope that, "as a result of our leader's historic visit to their midst, understanding and co-operation between the British and Indian leaders and among the Indian leaders themselves, will be further consolidated.

We are confident that, in the not distant future, our common victory will have been assured, and all nations regardless of colour and creed will realise their respective aspirations under the world charter as signed by representatives of the united nations," the Chinese official organ asserts. —A. P.

C. B. Mehta On Indo-Chinese Trade Ties

BOMBAY, Feb. 13.

Sir Chunilal B. Mehta President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, in the course of a message to their Excellencies Marshal and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek says:—

Your great country and India are, as Your Excellency well pointed out, connected spiritually and culturally since so many centuries past. They are also intimately connected by ties of trade and commerce from times immemorial. The integrity and word of honour of Chinese traders and merchants are proverbial and the relations between Chinese and Indian businessmen have always been very friendly. I hope that the clouds of foreign aggression which have affected China's trade will soon disappear and that she will rise again to the heights of her ancient glory".—A. P.

Madame Chiang Visits Taj

AGRA, Feb. 13.— Madame Chiang Kai-Shek accompanied by Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit visited Agra to-day and spent three hours seeing Taj Mahal, the port and other monuments.—A. P.

GANDHIJI'S REPLY TO JAWAHAR

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, who was entrusted with Gandhiji's reply to the letter of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, arrived in Delhi this morning from Sevagram. He met Pandit Nehru and conveyed Gandhiji's reply.

Pandit Jawaharlal is staying in Delhi for a few days. He will meet Press representatives on Sunday morning.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, is also expected here early next week.—United Press.

New York & Sydney Press Expect Much From Delhi Talks

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.

"A grand gesture" is how the "New York Herald Tribune" describes the visit of Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek to India. It declares that he will carry a great weight in bringing about an all-out Indian effort.

The visit of Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek is described in an editorial article in the "New York Post" as "an event of extraordinary interest."

It says, "The adherents of the united nations are entitled to a measure of rejoicing as they see in this a sign of unity between a resurgent free China and British officials in the East.

India can have a great role in the defence of freedom—which if the Japanese approached closer to Assam, means the defence of India itself.

MOMENTOUS EVENT

SYDNEY.—Commenting on Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek's Indian visit, the "Sydney Herald" says that for weeks past the call throughout the Indies region has been to hang on at all costs.

Already the enemy is at Moulmein which is close to Calcutta and well may India and China feel equal concern with the Dutch and Australians regarding the fate of Singapore.

It is no coincidence that at this stage Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek is visiting the Viceroy.

Political and military consultations proceeding there are closely connected with the meeting of the Pacific Council at London, and every indication points to the essential place which China is coming to take in the Allies' wide-ranging plans against Japan.

Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek's current consultations at Delhi are thus of momentous interest and must be no less influential in confirming the Chinese nationalist leader's authority among his own war-torn people.

BIHAR'S "CHINA DAY"

PATNA.—"China Day" will be observed throughout the province of Bihar in honour of the visit of Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek and Madame Chiang on the first day of the Bihar war week which begins on February 16.

On that day meetings will be held under the auspices of the war committees where resolutions will be adopted pledging the will of the people of this province to fight Fascist aggression arm in arm with the people of China.

The resolutions will incorporate the admiration of the people of the province at the splendid example of heroism and patience set by the people of China in fighting the aggressors relentlessly.—A. P.

Early Victory In Far East Essential

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Netherlands Prime Minister, Dr. P. S. Gerbrandy, speaking at the Guild hall to-day said, "in the Pacific war there is something different at stake than in the European war.

To win the war in Europe is to win the peace. To win the war in the Far East is to win the peace only if we win soon enough.

A temporary loss of the Indies would mean the battle of the Indian ocean, menacing communications with South Africa and India, Dr Gerbrandy continued.

"We do not know the future of the coming months" he said. "But we know the final outcome, for we understood the call interpreted in such a masterly way by Mr. Winston Churchill".—Reuter.

Japanese Atrocities In Philippines

LONDON: Feb. 12.

Reuter's special correspondent with the American Forces in Bataan states:—Authoritative sources in Manila declare that the Japanese efforts to win the friendship of the Filipinos are failing miserably in the face of widespread hunger and Japanese ill-treatment.

At least ten, possibly 20, Filipinos are reported to have been executed at the old Fort of Santiago, the former headquarters of General MacArthur for opposing the Japanese occupation forces. Their bodies were later dumped in Manila Bay.

Filipinos formerly employed in the American Army and Navy are roped to telephone poles along the main streets of Manila and held there for three days and nights virtually without food and kicked and slapped by passing Japanese sentries.

If at the end of this period they are found "guilty" of assisting the Americans they are executed, otherwise released.

Two high officials of the Philippine Supreme Court, Judge Arsenio Locson and Judge Gregorio Narvasa were trussed up in full view of the public in this fashion and released only after several hours when the Japanese apologised for the "mistake."

Pro-Japanese agents are reported to be most active. They point out "suspects" to Japanese sentries, but if they fail to produce victims, they themselves are tied up.—Reuter.

WHEN U. S. WILL TAKE OFFENSIVE AGAINST JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

The Chairman of the Senate Naval Commitee, David Walsh, in an interview to-day said that the imminent fall of Singapore emphasises the necessity of "taking the offensive against Japan within the next two years. We should do everything possible to hold Australia which will be a hard task and strengthen New Zealand. We must eventually hit Japan herself and retake what we have already lost."—Reuter.

SIND LEADERS MEET AZAD

LAHORE Feb. 13.

Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh, Premier of Sind and Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, leader of the Sind Assembly Congress Party, have had separate as well as joint talks with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President about the constitutional issue in Sind.

Dr. Choithram Gidwani, President of Sind Provincial Congress Committee has also arrived here to participate in the discussion

The three Sind leaders are again meeting Maulana this evening.—A. P.

Kisan Sabha For Aid To Soviet And China

NAGPUR, Feb. 13.

A resolution urging upon the Kisans to align themselves on the side of Russia China and other progressive forces in "waging a relenetless war for the final extermination of Fascism" was passed by the Executive Committee of the All-India Kisan Sabha, to-day.—A. P.

She Is Worth 20 Divisions!

A pen picture of Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek, First Lady of China and India's honoured guest, in to-morrow's

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

That three German ships could have crossed the Straits of Dover and got access safely to their ports seems almost incredible. The Germans certainly took a chance with the weather in their favour and to our great regret they have got away with it. I do not say that it was any one's fault, but it is still a great opportunity missed. If three German ships can cross the narrow straits of Dover and still not be sunk, it's just bad luck that's all. Says the Reuter report: "One of our motor torpedo boats also claims a possible hit, but owing to the intense barrage and heavy smoke-screen ...it was impossible to see the results of the attacks". Caustically suggested a certain well-known Bombay figure: "The smoke-screen was probably caused by Mr. Churchill smoking his cigar on the familiar white cliffs".

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Propaganda in India has always been conspicuous by its weakness and its ineffectiveness. "Information" technically so called is almost nonexistent. I remember the Director of Information's brilliant article in his pamphlet WAR (where is it now?) wherein we found the most inaccurate details, proved by this Half Column to be incorrect. We remember also the letter, alleged to have been written by a Subedar and released by the Defence Department's publicity genius—a letter in such perfect prose that we felt the Subedar had missed his vocation. Now we have the brilliant example of a Director of Information cancelling last Thursday's broadcast, Dot and Dash, arranged and passed by the highest military authorities in the province. Well, something is wrong somehow and a hell of a lot of someone's energy is being wasted while those at the top can't make up their minds. It seems obvious even to a layman that there is something radically wrong with a system that two important departments of the State—such as the military and the department of Information cannot agree on a war broadcast. (Exclusive to the Half Column, but radio critics and other papers can willingly copy.)

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From which I ask the question: "Isn't it about time Government set up a board of inquiry consisting of men who know PROPAGANDA and methods of propaganda, to inquire into the deficiencies of the present system?"

As things stand we are hopelessly out of date and every decent effort is thwarted by red tape and mediocre officials. Wake up, Sir Frederick Puckle and Col. Beard!

Unique Among Public Workers

Tributes To Seth Jamnalalji's Memory From Jawahar, Azad And Mrs. Naidu

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has sent a telegram to Shrimati Jankibai yesterday expressing his deep sense of grief and shock at the death of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj who had been a dear and valued friend and colleague for many years.

Interviewed, Pandit Nehru said: "As I mounted the dais of the public meeting held yesterday, I heard the news of Jamnalal Bajaj's death. I refused absolutely to believe it. How could he be dead, I thought, when only a few days ago I had met him and found him full of life and vitality and of the many problems of public affairs that filled his mind and to which he had dedicated his life. Yet, I could not continue in my unbelief for confirmation of the news came from many sources

I was shocked beyond measure at the sudden blow and it was with difficulty that I addressed that great audience which had assembled to hear me. While I spoke of other things, my mind was often far away in Wardha which had so long been inseparably associated with him in public affairs in frendship and even in domestic affairs. We have many politicians and men of note with fine record of service and public work and yet Jamnalal Bajaj was unique among them and there is no other who can suit his place."—A. P.

"A Dedicated Life"

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, has issued the following statement on the death of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj: "I have lost a friend, and the nation a sincere servant. Since 1921, when he was elected Chairman of the Nagpur Congress Reception Committee, he had dedicated his life for the service of the country, and followed this path unswervingly till the last. "He was one of those few persons whom Gandhiji's keen eye had marked out in 1921, and who through his multifarious activities soon gained a place among the first rank national workers. After the movement of 1932, when Gandhiji decided to stay in some village, and to make it the centre of the reconstruction of rural life of the country, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj offered Sevagram for this purpose, and since then Wardha has become the central place of national life. His heart as well as the doors of his house were always open to welcome national workers. He was a successful businessman. He had not only learnt to acquire wealth, he had also learned how to spend it. There are so many national institutions of India who owe their existence to his generosity and help. He is no more amongst us, but the benefits of his services shall always live, and the freshness of his memory shall never fade away.—A. P.

MRS. NAIDU'S TRIBUTE

BENARES, Feb. 12.

"The death of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj is a source of great sorrow not only to the friends and co workers in Congress circles but to a vast anonymous body of men and women whom he helped by quiet but unstinted benefaction" says Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, in a statement on the passing away of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj.

Mrs. Naidu continues: "In his unspectacular fashion he served India with deep and dedicated love and when the history of the national struggle comes to be written his name must surely find an honourable place in the ranks of patriots, who considered no sacrifice too great for the cause of freedom. To those of us who were privileged to know him intimately he was a most lovable personality, a man of warm affections, generous friendship and unswerving loyalty. He had a simple but very genuine charm that was born out of the sweetness and kindliness of his nature."

Maharaj Kumar Sir Vijaya, President of the Andhra Mahasabha, says: "He was one of those silent workers who believed that service was its own reward his memory shall continue to inspire every one in the great national cause."

As a mark of respect to the memory of Seth Jamnalal all the shops in the city were closed this morning and a complete hartal is being observed.—A. P.

RAJAJI'S TRIBUTE TO BAJAJ

CHITTOOR, Feb. 12.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in the course of a statement touching the death of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj says:—

"Hundreds of boys, girls and grown up national workers, have lost one whose loving care for them was like a father's and a mother's combined. His affection for the deserving knew no bounds of creed, class, age, opinions or distance. One, whose sole aim was to lead a blameless life, has been removed from us, leaving behind the only reality in a fleeting world, namely, his deeds and inspiring example."—A. P.

GOVINDDAS' TRIBUTE

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 13.

Seth Govinddas, M.L.A. (Central), referring to the death of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj said: "Our family relations extend to three generations. By placing Sevagram at Mahatma Gandhi's disposal he made Wardha the centre of Indian politics and brought the Central Provinces to the forefront. In him the Marwari community has lost a foremost reformer and the country a great leader and patriot."—United Press.

HE PREFERRED POLITICIAN'S HARD LOT

NEW DELHI, Feb. 12.

Mr. M. S. Aney, Member, Overseas, Government of India has sent following telegram to Mahatma Gandhi:—"Sad and sudden news of Jamnalalji's death simply shocked me. Country loses a faithful servant and a millionaire who preferred hard lot of a politician to luxurious life of a banker.—A. P.

CONDOLENCE MEETING AT CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 12.

The services of the late Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj were recalled at a public meeting held this evening at Mohammad Ali Park to condole the death of Seth Bajaj. Mr. D. P. Khaitan presided.

The meeting, by a resolution, stated that "the country had lost in him one of the truest and bravest sons whose lifelong, selfless and manifold services in political, social, educational and economic spheres will ever be lovingly enshrined in the hearts of the teeming millions of India and his life will always give an inspiration to the youths of the land."

Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee, said that they should be inspired by the ideal of the sacrifice and service of the late Mr. Bajaj.

The Marwari Association has sent a message of condolence to Mr. Kamal Narain Bajaj at Wardha.—A. P.

MUNICIPAL CONGRESS PARTY'S CONDOLENCE

The General Secretary of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party writes:

At the meeting of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party held on Thursday evening at the Congress House, a condolence resolution touching the death of the late Seth Jamnalal Bajaj was passed, after which the meeting adjourned without transacting any business as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed leader.

The adjourned meeting of the Party will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p. m. (S. T.) at the Congress House.

HARTAL AT LUCKNOW

LUCKNOW, Feb. 12.

There is general grief over the death of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj. Congress flags are flying half-mast everywhere. A partial hartal is being observed and a condolence meeting has been arranged for this evening.—A. P.

MAHESHWARI HITKARINI SABHA.—Under the auspices of the Maheshwari Hitkarini Sabha a meeting of the Marwadi citizens of Bombay was held on Wednesday, in the premises of Marwadi Chamber of Commerce to welcome Hon. Mr. Brijlal Biyani of Akola. But hearing of the death of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj the meeting was ended after passing a condolatory resolution.

BIHAR EX-PREMIER'S TRIBUTES

PATNA, Feb. 12.

'India requires selfless patriots and generous benefactors of Sethji's calibre all the more to-day", says Mr. Srikrishna Sinha, former Prime Minister of Bihar, in a statement mourning the loss of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj.—A. P.

PUNJAB GOVT.'S THREAT TO TRADERS

PUNITIVE POLICE TO MEET SATYAGRAHA SITUATION

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

It is understood that some leading traders have been in consultation with the Premier in the hope of finding a satisfactory way out for the trading community from the present deadlock.

As already explained, says a Press Note, practically all the demands of the traders have been met or are in a fair way to be met. Government are prepared to consider an amendment to the general Sales Tax Act, whereby the minimum taxable turnover shall be raised from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 and are not averse to levying the tax at one stage only, provided the revenue from the tax is not reduced thereby and no undue burden is imposed on the retailer.

The Hartal is bad enough, but direct action as now put into effect by the traders is open to much more serious objection.

If the situation does not improve soon, the Press Note adds, it is clear that additional police will have to be engaged. Should this be necessary, it will be for the traders, who have brought the present situation about, to find the money to pay for the additional police.—A. P.

Congress Party To Attend Assembly

LAHORE, Feb. 13

The Congress Party in the Punjab Assembly has been permitted by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, to attend the budget session of the Assembly.

This decision was announced at the conclusion of a meeting of the Party, which was addressed by the Congress President.—A. P.

200 Punjab Traders Arrested

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

Two hundred traders were arrested in Lahore this afternoon in connection with the anti-Sales Tax campaign.

Mr. Raja Ram, a prominent businessman of Lahore, was also arrested, to-day under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

ARRESTED TRADERS REMOVED 30 MILES FROM CITY & LATER RELEASED

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

All the traders arrested in Lahore yesterday in connection with the anti-sales tax campaign were released after midnight.

They were removed in police vans at a distance of about 20 to 30 miles from the city where they were let off. They returned to Lahore this morning by lorries arranged by the Punjab Beopar Mandal.

Forty-two Satyagrahis who were arrested on the first day of the campaign along with Lala Bihari Chanana and had since then been kept in the Central Jail were also released after midnight.—A. P.

Arrests Under Defence Rules

LUDHIANA, Feb. 13.

Eleven persons were arrested by the police in connection with the Anti-Sales Tax agitation under the Defence of India rules.

The Hosiery Manufacturers Association and Union have decided to observe hartal in sympathy with the traders.

FEROZEPORE, Feb. 13.—Twenty-three traders were arrested in Ferozepore to-day at a public meeting held to protest against the Sales Tax. The total number of arrests in the District is stated to be about 200

MULTAN, Feb. 13.—Fifty-one traders were taken into custody in connection with the Anti-Sales Tax Campaign. They were however let off near the Muzaffarabad bridge.

MORE ARRESTS AND RELEASES

Sargodha: Fifty Satyagrahis, including 23 traders of Lyallpur, were arrested on Wednesday on a charge of taking out a procession in defiance of the defence of India Rules. Out of the 70 Satyagrahis arrested on Tuesday 55 were let off to-day.

A later message from Lyallpur states that Lala Kundan Lala and 27 others arrested in Sargodha were let off after two hours' detention. They intend to proceed either to Sheikhupura or Lahore to-morrow to offer Satyagraha.—A. P.

HINDU SABHA EXECUTIVE

LUCKNOW, Feb. 13.

The meeting of the All-India Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha and the Working Committee will be held at Lucknow on February 28, and March 1, 1942.—A. P.

Near Kanjwari in South Waziristan, the Assistant Political Agent, Wana, is reported to have been fired upon by hostiles, but he escaped unhurt.

NEGUS INVITES DR. MARTIN

Premiership May Be Offered

DEHRA DUN, Feb. 13.

In response to an urgent call from the Emperor of Abyssinia, Dr. A. W. Martin former Abyssinian Ambassador in England, has left for Abyssinia presumably to resume office as Prime Minister.

After the disruption of the Abyssinian Empire, Dr. Martin came to Dehra Dun, his own town, and settled down here temporarily about a year ago. With the crushing defeat of Italians, at the hands of British forces and restoration of his lost throne, the Emperor has, it is understood, resummoned his minister who has left for Abyssinia with his family.—A. P.

MUTT AND JEFF—In Jeff's Opinion Baseball Is a Sportier Game than Football By BUD FISHER

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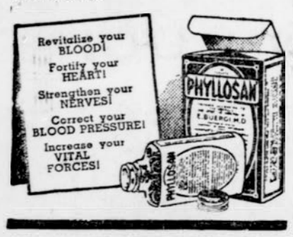

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Bombay Big Meeting, 4th Day

'Flower Of Gwalior' Wins Eve Champion Stakes

C. N. WADIA GOLD CUP FOR 'GREETINGS'

(From Our Correspondent.)

Punters had the worst of ex change at Mahalaxmi at the close of the fourth day of big meeting.

Firm-favourites failed to win in all the nine events and the biggest surprise was the failure of the 5 to 2 on favourite FINALIST.

GREETINGS, Sibbritt up, annexed the C. N. Wadia, Gold Cup in convincing style from STEEL HELMET and FINALIST.

The Maharaja of Kashmir's ENGAGED, lesser fancied at the books, than his bracket-companion, GLOAMING, scored in the Rajpipla Gold Cup from DON'T SHOOT and SCOTLAND FOR EVER. PIERROT and NATIONAL FLAG had ready backing but did not run true to the form.

The Maharaja of Gwalior's FLOWER OF GWALIOR, won the Eve Champion Stakes in a thrilling finish. SUNNY DAN was looking all the winner only a few strides from the post, when Roberts astride the Gwalior colt, actually lifted his mount and succeeded by a neck.

CHANDRAJEET let down a big following in the opening event, the All Bin Talib Memorial Plate.

ROSE OF BARODA scored from QUEEN OF SHEEBA and TYRIAN QUEEN in the Tansa Plate Div. II. WELL MASKED who got left at the gate, performed creditably, though not placed, and should be watched when next saddled.

In the Abberly Plate, FORTUNATE LAD, Bromley up, finished in front of CAVALIER and MONOCLE. GLORY OF KOLHAPUR and the best-fancied LINGUAPHONE faded away in the straight.

CHIEF RULER annexed the Ali Bin Talib Memorial Plate Div. I. the concluding event of the day, from LION OF LANKA and ROYAL RIVAL. WAVELL, the market rage, did not probably like Sibbritt and was a sore disappointment to many.

Sibbritt and Roberts scored doubles while S. Chavan, Tait, Bromley, Raffaele and Maxwell rode a winner each.

Twenty-six punters collected Rs. 342-8-0 on the double tote while one lucky nominator of the treble event was rewarded with Rs. 20,256.

Details:—

THE ALI BIN TALIB MEMORIAL PLATE. Division II.—Distance 7 furlongs.
Mr N E D Pandole's GREAT STAR
8-11 S Chavan 1
Mr H R Somekh's BON AMIS 8-8 Amir Ahmed 2
Mr G A Jasdanwalla's METRO 8-9 Y S Khan 3
The Chief of Bilkha's ZAMIL AL IRAQ 7-9 P Khade 4
Won by 1 3/4 lengths, 1 length 1 length.
Time: 1 minute 38 2/5 seconds.
Did not run: Mikhlif Jabir, Atilla, Thameen, Kaid Saoud, Shamsher Jung and Ma'an
Tote paid: Win Rs. 65. Places Rs. 15, Rs. 17 and Rs. 16.
Favourite: Chandrajeet.
Winner trained by M. Dhalla.

THE TANSA PLATE. Division II.—Distance 1 mile.
Messrs V Rosenthal and F G Travers' ROSE OF BARODA 8-4 Sibbritt 1
H H the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's QUEEN OF SHEEBA 9-0 Britt 2
Mrs C P Chetty's TYRIAN QUEEN 9-0 Evans 3
Mrs. Justice's KUNIGAL 7-11, cd. 7-12, Brace 4
All ran.
Won by short head, head, 1 length.
Time: 1 minute 43 4/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 55. Places Rs. 20, Rs. 14 and Rs. 22.
Favourite: Queen of Sheeba.
Winner trained by N. E. Raymond.

THE TANSA PLATE. Division I.—Distance 1 mile.
Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy's TYRANNY 6-11 Tait 1
Maharaj Kumars Udayasinrrao Gaekwar and Khanderao Gaekwar of Baroda's MOHANMALA 8-0 Burn 2
Mr A Svamvur's WHAT'S YOURS 8-6 Jones 3
Mr. Osman Chotani's HECTIC 8-6 Bromley 4
Did not run: Money Gold and Steel Blue.
Won by head, neck, 3/4 length.
Time: 1 minute 42 3/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 67. Places Rs. 19, Rs. 32 and Rs. 16.
Winner trained by Dr. S. K. Pillay.

THE EVE CHAMPION STAKES—Distance 1 1/4 miles.
H.H. the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's FLOWER OF GWALIOR 8/13, Roberts 1
H.H. the Maharaja of Kashmir's SUNNY DAN 8/6, Evans 2
Mr. R.J. Sigtia's SHERITOY 8/10, Britt 3
Sir Sultan Chinoy's MIRAGE 8/3, H. Mahmud 4
Not run: Scottish Star 8/6.
Won by neck, 1 length, 4 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 10 4/5 secs.
Tote paid Rs. 23 for win; Rs. 11 and Rs. 11 for places.
Winner trained by Capt. Jadhav.

THE ABBERLEY PLATE—Distance 1 1/4 miles.
Mrs. A.L. Hutson and Mr. G. McElligot's FORTUNATE LAD 8/5, Bromley 1
Messrs. S.K.F. Singh and M.H. Ahmedbhoy's CAVALIER 7/10, Roberts 2
Mrs. R. Earle's MONOCLE 8/0, Burn 3
H.H. the Maharaja of Kashmir's NEOCELL 8/5, Evans 4
Not run: Furore 8/10.
Won by 1 length, 1 length, 1 length.
Time: 2 mins. 4 3/5 secs
Tote paid Rs. 79 for win; Rs. 36, Rs. 61 and Rs. 48 for places.
Winner trained by E. Bullock.

THE C. N. WADIA GOLD CUP—Distance about 1 1/2 miles.
Mr. V. Rosenthal's GREETINGS 7/10, Sibbritt 1
H.H. the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's STEEL HELMET 9/1, Britt 2
H.H. the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's FINALIST 9/8, Jones 3
Mr. B.K. Poddar's BISTOLFI 9/1, Bromley 4
Not run: Glory of Kolhapur 9/1.
Won by 3/4 length, neck, 2 lengths.
Time: 2 mins. 40 3/5 secs.
Tote paid Rs. 82 for win; Rs. 31 and Rs. 21 for places.
Winner trained by N.E. Raymond.

THE RAJPIPLA GOLD CUP—Distance 1 mile.
H.H. the Maharaja of Kashmir's ENGAGED 7/9, Raffaele 1
H.H. the Maharani Chimnabai Gaekwar of Baroda and H.H. the Maharaja of Cooch Behar's DON'T SHOOT 7/12 cd. 7/13, Southey 2
Mr. Andrew's SCOTLAND FOR EVER 8/7, Burn 3
H.H. the Maharaja of Kashmir's GLOAMING 8/5, Evans 4
Not run: Star of Gwalior 8/0.
Won by 1/2 length, short head neck.
Won by 1/2 length, 1 length, 1/2 length.
Time: 1 min. 38 secs.

HOSPITAL DAY RACING AT MAHALAXMI

Acceptances, Weights And Order Of Running For Eight Events

The following are the Acceptances, Weights and Order of Running for the Hospital, to be run at Mahalaxmi to-day.

THE CONVALESCENT PLATE.—(Div. II) Distance 7 Furlongs.
Grey Prince 9-4, Sheriff 9-0, Mujbil Hamid 9-0, Sa'ad Jassim 9-13, Jaishri 8-9, Manorama 8-9, Wellington 7-9, Khazanchi 8-9, Sikandar 8-9, Long Silk 8-9, Sanjagh Sa'ad 8-9, Amiral 8-9, School Boy 8-9, Barq al Ilah 8-1, Bariz 7-9, Nibras 7-9, Sultan 7-9, Officer 7-9, Sukab Ramzi 7-9, Golden Free 7-9, Riman 7-9.

THE CONVALESCENT PLATE.—(Div. I) Distance 7 Furlongs.
Shanghai 9-3, Prince Faisal 8-12, Sahran 8-13, Ghussun al Ilah 8-13, Filfil 8-13, Good Boy 8-13, Piccolo 8-13, Intidhar al Shabab 8-9, Prince Naji 8-9, Sulaf Hassun 8-9, Baroda Fighter 8-9, Al Ra'eed 8-9, Boonian 8-5, Suez 8-1, Krishna Kumari 8-1, Pukar 8-2, Umeim 7-9.

THE HOSPITAL FUND PLATE.—(Div. II). Distance 6 Furlongs.
Atilla 9-2, Aneed 8-8, Zahir 8-2, Nalini II 8-13, King Hilal 8-13, Metro 8-12, Thameen 8-11, Kabadon Jamil 8-5, Fadilhat al Garb 8-3, Kaid Saoud 8-2, Ma'an 8-2, Walk Over 7-12, Zamil al Iraq 7-12.

THE SIR J. J. HOSPITAL PLATE. (Div. II). Distance 5 Furlongs.
So What 9-0, Khar 8-9, Iceland 8-9, Money Gold 8-8, English Rose 8-8, Pomp 8-7, Firoze-Jung 8-6, Victor 8-6, Film Star 8-5, Double Action 8-4, Pick Me Up 8-4, Ardsollus 8-2.

THE ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL PLATE. Distance 1 Mile 1 Fur.
Vijai Kumari 9-4, Faiz 8-12, Sugar Baby 8-5, Indication 9-2, Enjeu 8-13, Philtre 8-12, Radio Man 8-9, Valentia Jinks 8-6, American Beauty 8-5, Spotlight 8-5, Kirit 8-5, Dark Wings 8-0, Chowrangi 8-0, Lens 7-12, Smara 7-9, Gold Gainer 7-7, Murdock 7-4, How's That 7-4.

THE SIR J. J. HOSPITAL PLATE. (Div. I). Distance 5 Furlongs.
The Duchess 9-2, Mountain Daisy 8-12, Diana 8-11, Princess Mumtaz 8-1, Fakhr ul Mulk 7-11, Aussie Girl 8-8, Liberty 8-4, Church Bell 8-4, Moss 7-12, Panorama 7-11, Suzanne 7-11.

THE HOSPITAL FUND PLATE. (Div. I). Distance 6 Furlongs.
Shamamat Hamid 9-0, Prince Hilal 9-0, Reformer 8-12, Dahman Ahmad 8-11, Mikhlif Jabir 8-10, Anwat Dahman 8-2, Great Star 8-7, Lu'ayb 8-7, Jarir 8-4, Sagir Dahman 8-2, Taj Subhan 7-9, Shamsher Jung 7-9.

THE GOCULDAS TEJPAL HOSPITAL PLATE. Distance 6 Furlongs.
Highland Sprig 9-4, Nuit-de-Noel 8-11, Gone With The Wind 8-0, Blackboard 8-9, Right Bet 8-9, Apsapi 8-6, Aquavit 8-0, Spun Glass 8-6, Chitor 7-12, Clarify 8-5, Sundial 8-3, Toltec 8-2, Ayesha 8-0, Autumn Lady 8-0, Sharda 7-7, Meadow 7-12, Hassina 7-7, Lord Byron 7-4.

NEW MODEL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Under the presidentship of Mr. M. R. A. Baig, the Sheriff of Bombay, the New Model High School, Dongri Street, held its Annual Athletic Sports on Sunday in the Nowroji Hill Gardens.

An interesting programme of 41 events of a varied character for boys and girls, seniors, juniors and infants was gone through.

During the interval, Dr. G. R. Sheikh delivered a short talk on the A.R.P. to the audience. At the conclusion of the programme, Mrs. Baig gave away the prizes to the winners.

Mr. Baig, the President, in his address, congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Mathias for organising such a successful programme. The function terminated with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. D. T. Anklesaria.

Tote paid Rs. 57 for win; Rs. 75, Rs. 24 and Rs. 58 for places.
Winner trained by F.W. Northmore.

THE COMBERMERE PLATE—Distance 1 1/4 miles.
Messrs. M.H. and A.H. Ahmedbhoy's KING OF SPORTS 7/7, Roberts 1
Shri Pashwanji Saheba of Idar's HIGH LIGHTS 7/13, Brace 2
Mr. Diamond's MAN-EATER 7/12, Bromley 3
Mr. A.H. Wadia's MINISTRONE 8/2, Southey 4
Time: 2 mins. 5 2/5 secs.
Won by 1/2 length, short head, neck.
Not run: Marshwood 8/9.
Tote paid Rs. 66 for win, Rs. 23, Rs. 33 and Rs. 74 for places.
Winner trained by A.L.J. Talib.

THE ALI BIN TALIB MEMORIAL PLATE (Div. I)—Distance 7 furlongs.
H.H. the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's CHIEF RULER 9/7, Maxwell 1
Mr. E.C.E. de Soysa's LION OF LANKA 8/9, Burn 2
The Raja of Akalkot and Shrimant Jaysinhrao P. Ghatge's ROYAL RIVAL 8/2, Bromley 3
The Raja of Miraj Jnr.'s TAJ MAHAL 8/6, Jadhav 4
Won by short head, short head, 1 1/2 lengths.
Time: 1 min. 35 4/5 secs.
Not run: Desert Gem 8/4.
Tote paid Rs. 69 for win; Rs. 126, Rs. 74 and Rs. 59 for places.
Daily Tote Double 26 tickets Rs. 342/8 each.
Daily Tote Treble 1 ticket Rs. 20,256.
Winner trained by M.C. Patel.

Hospital Day Races

MONEY GOLD FOR SIR J. J. HOSPITAL PLATE

Indication And Jarir Fancied In Respective Events

(From Our Correspondent)

The following are my selections for to-day's meeting:—

FIRST RACE:
WELLINGTON 1
SUKAB RAMZI 2
RIMAN F.

SECOND RACE:
UMEIM 1
SUEZ 2
PUKAR F.

THIRD RACE:
NALINI II 1
WALK OVER 2
KING HILAL F.

FOURTH RACE:
MONEY GOLD 1
SO WHAT 2
PICK ME UP F.

FIFTH RACE:
INDICATION 1
PHILTRE 2
VIJAI KUMARI F

SIXTH RACE:
DIANA 1
CHURCH BELL 2
SUZANNE F.

SEVENTH RACE:
JARIR 1
SAGIR DAHMAN 2
REFORMER F.

EIGHTH RACE:
CLARIFY 1
APSAPI 2
AUTUMN LADY F.

DOUBLE EVENT
NALINI LL
DIANA

TREBLE EVENT
INDICATION
JARIR
CLARIFY

DARK FLUKES
GOLD GAINER
AYESHA.

Ranji Trophy

N. I. C. A. ALL OUT FOR 211

LAHORE, Feb. 13.

The Second Semi-final of the Ranji Trophy Tournament between the Northern India Cricket Association and Bombay commenced this morning on the Lahore Gymkhana ground. Jehangir Khan, skipper of the N. I. C. A., winning the toss sent in Mohammad Nazar and Jagdishlal to face the bowling of V. M. Merchant and J. B. Khote.

N. I. C. A. innings lasted for two first innings at 3-15 p.m. for a total of 211.

N. I. C. A. innings laster for two hundred and seven minutes.

When stumps were drawn for the day Bombay had made 76 runs for three wickets, Mantri batting 35, Tarapore batting 1.

SCORES:

N. I. C. A. (FIRST INNINGS)

Mohd. Nazar C. Raiji b. Rangnekar	.....	5
Jagdish Lal c. Raiji b. Rangnekar	.....	7
Mohd. Gulzar c. U. M. Merchant b. V. M. Merchant	.....	33
Ramprakash (run out)	.....	93
Mohammed Sharif st. Mantri b. Khot	.....	18
Anwar Hussain l.b.w. Tarapore	.....	22
Jehangir Khan c. Mantri b. Tarapore	.....	5
Agha Sarfraz st. Mantri b. Khot	.....	2
Habibullah c. and b. Tarapore	.....	9
Chunilal st. Mantri b. Raiji	.....	10
Nation (not out)	.....	0
Extras	.....	7
Total		211

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Merchant 8/3/19/1, Khot 8/4/36/2 Rangnekar 11/2/31/2, Tarapore 8.4/3/46/3, Raiji 9/0/50/1, Bhalerao 4/0/22/0.

FALL OF WICKETS:— 12/1, 25/2, 93/3, 126/4, 165/5, 171/6, 178/7, 196/8, 211/9 and 211/10.

BOMBAY (FIRST INNINGS)

Mistri b. Chunilal	.....	1
Kadri c. Sharif b. Jehangir Khan	.....	2
Ibrahim c. Ramprakash b. Jehangir Khan	.....	24
Mantri (not out)	.....	35
Tarapore (not out)	.....	1
Extras	.....	13
Total (for three wickets)		76

BOWLING ANALYSIS:—Jehangir Khan 10/4/10/2, Chunilal 11/3/16/1, Habibullah 6/1/18/0, Agha Sarfraz 5/0/19/0

Story Of Arrest Of Calcutta Police Commissioner

CALCUTTA, Feb. 12.

Warning the public once again against believing in rumours, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. C. E. S. Fairweather, refers to one such rumour which had been current in the city recently to the effect, that the Government had arrested many Irish men in important positions, including the Commissioner of Police himself.

The Police Commissioner says: "I am not an Irishman and that I am still here ready and able to deal with these rumour-mongering 'fifth columnists' in the same way as I shall deal with the hostile and 'budmash' elements of the city, who may have received some temporary encouragement from this rumour."—A. P.

High Court

ACQUITTED OF WIFE'S MURDER

(Before the Hon the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen)

Imperator v Balwantrao Gulabhai Desai: accused.

The accused had been sentenced to death by the Sessions Judge of Surat for the murder of his wife Kamlaben, 30 years of age. The parties were Brahmins of Kalliawadi, near Navsari. The accused was on bad terms with his wife and used to ill-treat her as a result of which she wanted to run away to her father's house, which the accused resented.

The evidence in the case was entirely circumstantial. Having instructions to report Kamlaben's movements, Indumati, the ten-year-old niece of the accused on the evening of May 15 reported to him that she had seen Kamlaben handing over a bundle to a neighbour. The accused returned from the house opposite to his own of his relative, one Harrai, who was on his deathbed. His brother's wife Hansa and the little Indumati followed him home and there they saw the accused dragging his wife by her hair and locking her up in a room. Half-an-hour later he was seen going to attend the funeral of Harrai, from which he returned at 2 o'clock next morning and himself immediately inquired as to the whereabouts of his wife. On May 17 Kamlaben's body was found from a well in the same compound with a wound from a sharp instrument on her head.

On this evidence the Sessions Judge of Surat found him guilty of murder and sentenced him to death. The sentence of death came up before their Lordships for confirmation along with the appeal of the accused.

Their Lordships found that this evidence of circumstances was insufficient to sustain a conviction, because on the evidence the interval between the accused locking up his wife and the time when he was seen going to the funeral of Harrai, was too short for the accused to have killed her cleaned up the room, tied up the body and disposed it of by throwing it into the well from which it was found. Their Lordships, therefore, set aside the sentence of death and acquitted the accused.

Mr. Purshottum Tricumdas with Mr. J. B. Desai and Mr. A. S. Navalkar defended the accused. Mr. R.A. Jaghirdar, Government Pleader, appeared for the Crown.

Partnership Suit Settled

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Kania)

Jethabhai Nensey: Plaintiff v. Megbji Gopalji and six others: Defendants.

This was a partnership dispute in regard to the firm of the Merchant Steam Navigation Co. started in 1921 for owning and plying steamships in Bombay and the Malabar Coast. The plaintiff, the first defendant, the second defendant, Thobhan Devji, one Padamsey Shivji (the father of defendants Nos. 3 to 5 and the husband of the seventh defendant) Dauji Nensi and Bhanji Dhanji were partners in that firm, which the plaintiff alleged had been started in order to provide facilities for shipping spices for some of the partners who also carried on that business. When the two last-named partners died their shares were taken over by the second and the first defendant respectively, and on 16th Oct. 1937 a new partnership agreement was arrived at. Defendants 3 to 7 claimed to be the heirs of Padamsey, who died in 1939. The second defendant went to Europe on two occasions to purchase steamers named "Oostacappele" and "Sophie Marie" for the firm and again for the third time when he purchased in June 1939, a steamer called "Kalmarsund IX" for £24,000. The firm also plied on certain terms a fourth steamer "Victoria Marie" owned by a firm called Africana and Co. in which the first two defendants and the deceased Padamsey with the plaintiff as his sub-partner. Between Sept. and Nov. 1939 three of these steamers were requisitioned by the Government of India and "Kalmarsund" alone remained.

The plaintiff alleged that the first and second defendants who had always been the managing partners of the Merchant Steam Navigation Co. and who had control of all the books of that firm had grossly mismanaged the partnership business and misapplied the partnership funds and had falsely claimed that "Kalmarsund IX" did not belong to the firm, but to themselves personally. The plaintiff, therefore, filed this suit for a declaration that the partnership was dissolved on the institution of this suit or alternatively, on such date as the Court might fix, that "Kalmarsund IX" was purchased by and belonged to the Merchant Steam Navigation Co., for winding up of the partnership by the Court, for the re-opening and taking of accounts and for other ancillary reliefs.

The first and second defendants denied all these allegations of the plaintiff and submitted that the suit as framed being one for dissolution of partnership by the Court was not maintainable, because they had not been given the opportunity of buying up the plaintiff's share in the firm as provided by the deed of partnership. These defendants submitted that "Kalmarsund IX" had been purchased from moneys to their credit in the partnership accounts, and was run through the Merchant Steam Navigation Co. merely for the sake of convenience though it belonged to them personally.

After a hearing which lasted for about two months before His Lordship, the parties came to terms, upon which His Lordship passed a consent decree.

CONSENT DECREE

The parties withdrew all allegations against one another. It was agreed and declared that the firms of the Merchant Steam Navigation Co. and the Africana Co. are not dissolved, but shall be deemed to have continued as they did prior to the death of Padamsey, whose share shall be treated as having passed to the third defendant as the "Karta" of the joint-family. It was also agreed that S.S. "Kalmarsund IX" was of the ownership of the first and second defendants and of the third defendant as the "Karta" of the joint-family, as well as the plaintiff, and that these partners were entitled to its profits from the time of its purchase and that it was to be run either in the name of "Kalmarsund Co." or the Merchant Steam Navigation Co. as the partners may decide. All accounts of the partnership were agreed to be acknowledged as correct and binding on all parties subject to certain adjustments specified in the consent terms. The partnership was for a period of three years from Kartak Sud 1 S.Y. 1998. The Receiver was to be discharged and the first and second defendants shall be entitled to manage all the concerns. Each party agreed to bear his own costs of this suit. By consent of all parties His Lordship passed a decree in those terms.

Mr. V.F. Taraporewalla with Mr. M.V. Desai instructed by Messrs. Minocher Manchershah Hiralal and Co. appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. N. P. Engineer with Mr. K. A. Somjee, instructed by Messrs. Mazagaonwalla and Co., appeared for the first and second defendants.

Mr. C. K. Daphtary with Mr. M. M. Desai instructed by Messrs. Ambubhai and Diwanji appeared for defendants 3 to 7.

GHANDY'S ADVICE TO JAMSHEDPUR WORKERS

Mr. J. J. Ghandy, General Manager of the Tata Iron & Steel Company in a message to the employees of the Company at Jamshedpur said:

"At the present time, we are not within the easy range of enemy bombers. But who can tell with certainty that bombs will not drop here one day? We must be prepared even for unlikely developments. We must keep cool and avoid panic. It is also necessary that we should do our best to save our plant and machinery from damage. The works are our bread and butter. It is the Works which are feeding me as well as you, therefore, the well-being of our Works is our first consideration. After relating measures taken for A. R. P. Mr Ghandy said: "Just go about your normal work in the normal manner. Interest yourself in A. R. P. and try to learn something about it. It will be the means of saving your life and keeping you safe."

BAZARGATE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.

The annual sports of the school were held at the Brabourne Stadium on Saturday, Sheth Dharamdas Shamaldas Kothari presided.

Various interesting items of sports were played by the boys.

After the sports were over the Principal of the school Mr. R. J. Joshi emphasised the need of sports in education. Sardar Prithvisinhji and Mr. C. D. Vyas also advised the boys to take more and more interest in physical exercises. After distribution of prizes, the function terminated.

FAZALBHOY MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL TRUST

During the period from 1-4-1938 to 31-3-41 many important events affecting the management and administration of the Dawoodbhoy Fazalbhoy (Muslim) Educational Trust took place. The policy of the Trust of giving studentships and Educational grants to Muslim students for higher studies in colleges and professional institutions in India and abroad was continued. Owing to the outbreak of war fresh awards for studies abroad had to be discontinued. At present there are seven scholars in England occupied in the study of different courses. The trustees were able to give as many as 307 scholarships to students in India and maintain 28 students in England. The trustees were able to help many students in India by giving scholarships. The trustees have started a handicraft institution for Muslim women.

CHIMNABAI MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE, BARODA.

Shree Maharani Chimnabai Maternity and Child Welfare League, Baroda, which had completed 17 years of its existence has done good work particularly during the year ending 1940-41. The work was conducted by a Managing Committee with Dr R B Chandrachand as chairman. The League had a staff of one lady doctor one school inspector and four health visitors. The City of Baroda was divided into four wards. The lady doctor and the health visitors visited these areas and examined women and children. They examined them and gave all medical help. Lectures were conducted to teach people sanitation. Free food and clothes were given to the poor people. The reduction in infant mortality and maternal mortality in Baroda reflected clearly on the success of the work of the League, the work of which had expanded largely during the recent years. It will have its own building soon.

MANUFACTURE OF ARMY BOOTS.

The possibility of further expanding India's capacity for the manufacture of Army boots, to meet the increased demand envisaged for next year, is at present under investigation. It is considered that, provided certain alterations in standards are acceptable, the capacity for machine-made boots can be increased to about 5-1/2 million pairs per year.

It is understood that Mr Alexander Small has succeeded Mr J. B. Williams in the United Kingdom representation of the Eastern Group Supply Council. Sir Alexander has already taken up the duties of his office. Mr. Williams has left India.

STUDENTS PLEDGE TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME

The Secretary, Bombay Students' Union, writes:—

A resolution pledging its full support to the constructive programme of Fort Students Union and requesting the authorities of F.S.U. to amalgamate with Bombay Students Union and vesting the power in the hands of secretaries for negotiation with the authorities of F.S.U. was passed at the Executive meeting of Bombay Students' Union (Mantri House) unanimously. Mr. Lalu Shah, the Joint Secretary of A.I.S.F. presided. The F.S.U. is carrying on the constructive programme chalked out by Mahatma Gandhi vigorously for the last two years.

Washington: Further restriction is announced by Mr Leon Henderson Price Administrator, putting tyres recapped and retreaded on a new rationing basis.

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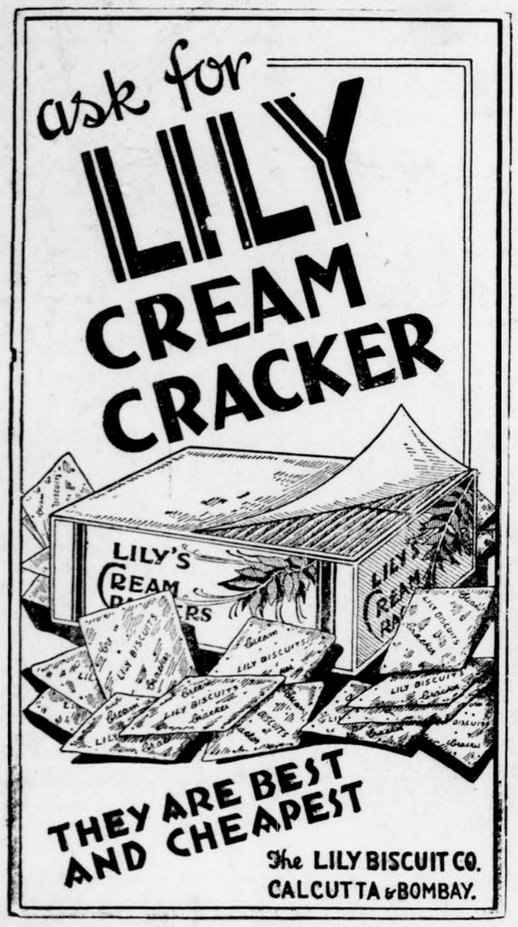

FILM FARE FOR THE WEEK

"PYAS" OPENS TO-DAY AT IMPERIAL

Murli Movietone's Absorbing Drama

Supreme Film Distributors will release at the Imperial Cinema to-day, "Pyas" Murli Movietone's picture starring Snehprabha and Ishwarlal. Directed by Ram Daryani and produced at the Ranjit Studios, "Pyas" offers some fine music and an absorbing story. The story appeals to popular sentiments and the film is reported to have created a good record wherever released hitherto.

A wealthy man neglects his wife. She is the mother of a boy and the father is particular of saving only the boy so that he might inherit his millions. As if to wreak vengeance on her husband she leaves the home with her child and dies in a nearby village, leaving the child to the care of the headman. Thus his only son is lost to the rich man and his sufferings know no bounds. How the son grew up in blissful

Snehprabha stars in "Pyas" which is being released to-day at the Imperial

ignorance of his parentage and how his love affair with a village girl could not result in marriage owing to the intervention of a man who knew the true affairs of the boy, is narrated on the screen in vivid sequences.

There are big names in supporting cast of "Pyas". Shamin, Nazir, Sharifa, E. Billimoria and Gope head the list.

"RAJA RANI"—A MOST REALISTIC COMEDY

Vanmala's Maiden Production Attracts Full Houses At Central

Each new comedy by Principal Atre is a film event, and "Raja Rani", now being shown to capacity houses at Central in its second week, has proved itself to be no exception.

As a comedy and satire "Raja Rani" retains all the glory of Atre's past hits. But what strikes one most after seeing the picture is that the Atrean humour with all its sparkling zest has become more mellow and intriguing than ever before. That is perhaps the reason why instead of scathing caricatures one comes across sympathetic characterization of small town folks with all their good qualities and shortcomings drawn with life's colours in Raja Rani."

The theme of joint family problem chosen by Atre and woven into the story of a newly-wed couple, which after petty family squabbles establishes a separate abode only to realize that happiness lies in unity and not discord of family ties, demanded sympathetic and human treatment. With clever blending of romance, pathos and satire all keyed to a mellow tone Atre has admirably achieved his object.

Director Naqvi has employed his consummate skill in focussing the attention of the audience to the story itself by avoiding the temptation of showing off his technical manipulations and by resorting to forthright simplicity and direct approach in his style of presentation. The result is that while watching the picture one feels as if a true story of everyday family life is being unfolded before one's eyes.

Vanmala carries away the acting honours of the picture by putting over an exquisite performance in the role of Rani. As Raja, Trilok Kapoor attains his true dramatic stature, and Sumalinidevi's rendering of the self-asserting wife of the eldest brother is so brilliant that it reminds one of Durga Khote's performance in "Charano-Ki-Dasi". Mazharkhan turns in an outstanding performance as the head of the family symbolizing the spirit of accommodation and understanding so essential for the family happiness. In other featured roles David, Baby Vimal, Govind, Mayadevi and Navin Yagnik have acquitted themselves very creditably.

THIRD WEEK OF "BHARAT MILAP"

Film Based On Epic Ramayana Proves Immensely Popular

Prakash's "Bharat Milap" that has taken Bombay cinegoers by storm, now makes its triumphant entry into third week at Majestic. It is a picture full of the architectural grandeur and gorgeous costumes of the days of the Epic Ramayana, as well as scenes depicting deepest love and fiercest jealousy.

The picture depicts how Shree Ramchandra the idol of Ayodhya and the beloved son of Raja Dasharath, declining the offer of sovereignty, willingly embraced banishment in the wilds for 14 long years to honour his father's word to one of the junior queens. It shows also how Ramchandra's brother, Bharat, refuses the gift of throne out of his love and respect for Ramchandra and the traditions of the royal house of Raghu. The pictures depicts also the graceful and gracious Seeta suffering ungrudgingly with her lord as a dutiful Hindu woman who finds joy in the pleasures of her husband, grief in his sorrows and unbounded sympathy in his predicaments, thus proving that for her, there is none greater than her lord.

"Bharat Milap" (in Hindi) has also a Marathi version entitled "Bharat Bhet". The picture, which is a product of devoted study and strenuous labours, is directed by Vijay Bhatt, who has carved a niche for himself in film-history by his masterly direction of 'Narsi Bhagat.' Music by Shankerrao Vyas and a splendid cast composed of Shobhana Samarth, Durga Khote, Prem Adib, Shahoo Modak, Vimala Vashishta, Nimbalkar, Shantakumari and many more of renowned fame, go to enhance the immense popularity of the picture. Chandakant replaces Prem Adib as Ramchandra in the Marathi version.

"Garib" Enters Third Week At Swastik

National's "Garib" in its third week is making box-office history at the Swastik Talkies. The centre of attraction is, of course Surendra's song hits, which have been receiving repeated applauses from the audience. The song-power of the picture is further enhanced by Veena Kumari, who sings a couple of beautiful numbers. Rose, the heroine of "Garib", sings one song which also draws encores.

Besides the singing entertainment, "Garib" contains high quality acting in which, besides Surendra and Rose, practically the whole cast shares the honours. Ansari, as the disappointed lover, tries all the lover's tricks to get rid of his rival, Surendra, for the affection of Rose. His plans one by one fail to obtain the desired object. It is a sight to see Pesi Patel, as the millionaire father of Ansari, more concerned with

Rose features as the Millionaire's daughter in "Garib."

his money than the evil designs of his son. Patel's acting has the complete ring of sincerity. Kayamali as the unemployed but devoted reader of the Bhagavat Geeta puts over some heart-rending acting, when he is driven mad by the spectre of unemployment.

"SIKANDAR" HEADING FOR SILVER JUBILEE:

Minerva's powerful historical enters its 24th week from this Saturday and continues its onward march. "Sikandar" had its premiere release in September, 1941, but after running successfully for more than five months, it still keeps on attracting huge crowds and the public enthusiasm still remains unabated.

The extent of Sikandar's popularity may be guessed from the fact that this unique historical has created all-time records at more than 40 key cities all over India. In Bombay, it leads on heading for Silver Jubilee week which begins from next Saturday.

"Ujala' To Be Released Next Week

It has now been learnt that due to some unavoidable reasons the All-India premiere of Taj Mahal's "Ujala" has been postponed to next Saturday, February 21.

This delightful film, which features in the main roles two glamorous stars, Naseem and Prithviraj, claims to be the first attempt of an Indian producer to bring to the screen the romance, pathos and glamour of the dying Indian theatre. As can be expected Naseem plays the role of an actress, in which she not only sings and dances but shows that she is a master of the histrionic art as well.

Playing opposite her in one of the most romantic roles is Prithviraj. The supporting cast includes Mubarak, Ratanbai, and Mirza Musharraf. The film has been directed by K. M. Multani and produced at the Wadia Studios.

A SATIRE ON LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

"Municipality" Released At Novelty

Public utility institutions are a boon inasmuch as they afford so many facilities and comforts to the public, but sometimes they also turn out to be a bane, as they afford the self-aggrandizers a free field to exploit the public resources for their own selfish and nefarious ends.

Brilliant Pictures Ltd. released on Friday their premiere production "Municipality" at the Novelty, the story of which deals with such a public utility concern—Municipality. The incidents depicted in this pictures take place in a town, called Nandigram, where many selfish persons had by force of sheer wealth, got into the local municipality. The affairs of that municipality were in a hopeless mess. The story moves on rapidly depicting in every shot the multifarious ways in which the ignorant populace of such a town is systematically robbed.

Mr. K. Narain Kale, the Producer of the picture and late Mr. Bapurao Apte, the Director are responsible for the many interesting new situations that enhance the pictorial value of the story.

Mrs. Usha Mantri, Miss Saroj Borker,

Radha Rani appears in Wadia's coming picture "Jungle Princess."

Mrs. Vimal Sardesai, late Mr. Bapurao Apte, Sahir Nanivdekar, Vasant Thengdi and others do full justice to the various characters in the picture.

"JHOOLA" SWINGS ON TO FRESH TRIUMPHS

"Jhoola" has established itself firmly as topping entertainment. In its eighth week at the Roxy, the Bombay Talkies' musical comedy continues to attract full-house crowds, many film fans seeing the film more than once. The "Jhoola" song records, placed on the market only a week ago, are stated to have been taken up as quickly as the supplies arrived.

The songs of Leela and Ashok, and the dances of Mumtaz Ali and Shahzadi, lead a long string of good qualities that appeal to the public. The wit of the dialogues and the humour of the performances by Leela, Ashok and V. H. Desai have also an irresistible attraction. It speaks volumes for the showmanship of the Bombay Talkies and of producer S. Mukerji, that these qualities of "Jhoola" have a universal appeal.

It is now shown that the success of "Jhoola" in Bombay is not a mere local achievement. Karachi has been all-in for "Jhoola" already, and now Poona and Surat have also lined up. The picture has been released in both these latter cities, and the reports indicate that the picture's success in Bombay is being reproduced there too.

ASHOK'S SOCIAL HIT "CHANDAN"

Ashok Pictures' outstanding social production "Chandan" is getting more popular every day. Owing to tremendous rush of the Cine-goers, it had to be held over for the 5th week at Bombay 4th week at Karachi, 2nd week at Hyderabad (Sind) and 2nd week at Surat.

The Hon. Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa, Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, says about the film as follows:—

"I congratulate the producers for presenting to the public such a fine picture in their very first venture. Hope they will continue their endeavours in future and give more and more ideal pictures like "Chandan", thereby, contributing their useful quota in the uplift of Indian nation as is done by the Film Industry in present day Russia."

A Rumour Contradicted

In a press interview Nalini Jaya want has contradicted the news about her joining the fold of another movie company, which appeared in some newspapers. She said that it was absolutely baseless and imaginary. She is working at present with Amar Pictures and is going to stick up to that concern.

Director Virendra Desai it producing one picture after completing "Savera" featuring Nalini Jayawant under the banner of Amar Pictures. The story has been already selected and it is from the pen of Sjt. Vaju Kotak who wrote the story of "Khilauna."

Vasanti and Aroon star in "Beti" at the Royal Opera House.

Vivacious Vanmala, heroine and producer of "Raja Rani."

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DROP PEN AND BUCKLE SWORD

Capt. Ahmed's Call To Bombay University Students

Speaking before the Bombay University students at the Convocation Hall on Thursday evening Capt. H. I. Ahmed gave a lucid exposition of life in the Services. Lt.-Col. R. P. Masani, the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, presided.

The speaker said that the leaders of India, whatever their caste creed or party were all unanimous about one thing, namely that India must fight against aggression and should not allow any hostile power to set foot on Indian soil. This was a lofty ideal, and it could be achieved only by blood, sweat, toil and tears. India was the motherland of Indians and the only way in which they could defend her was by joining the fighting forces. Students were therefore to surrender their pen for the sword, so that their own future and that of the generations to come could be safeguarded.

Continuing the speaker gave in detail the advantages of joining the army as officers.

Capt. Ahmed then described the various Commissions, the pay of the rank and file and other cadres of the Indian army.

Referring to the University Training Corps he adumbrated the scheme of Diploma in Military Science accepted by the Bombay University Senate recently.

Indian Liberals' Welcome

CALCUTTA, Feb. 12.

On behalf of the National Liberal Federation of India, its President Sir Bijay Prasad Singh Roy, has sent the following telegram of welcome to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek and Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek:

"Offer Your Excellency and Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek most cordial welcome. People of India feel grateful for your magnificent help in our defence against Japanese aggression. Pray for China's victory and your continued service for the cause of liberty."—A. P.

Forward Bloc Greetings

NAGPUR, Feb. 12.

Marshal and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek are given a hearty welcome to India by the All-India Forward Bloc and the C. P. and Berar Provincial Trade Union Congress.—A. P.

INDIA HAS LONG BEEN LOOKING FOR LEADER LIKE CHIANG

MADRAS, Feb. 12.

Mr. P. M. Balasubramaniam, President of the Young Justicite League, Madras, in the course of a telegram to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek, welcoming him says:

"India has long been looking in vain for a leader similar to the one who has made China what she is to-day, a leader with vision and courage and honest nationalism.

Hope Your Excellency's visit would, in addition to stimulating and co-ordinating Indian war effort, produce constructive leadership freed from the incubus of India's past and inspired by the example of modern China."—A. P.

SINGAPORE TO MADAGASCAR?

LONDON, Feb. 12.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in London writes:—

It is interesting to note that American papers are referring to the vulnerability of Madagascar as the object of Japanese designs. It is suggested that they may try to repeat their performance in Indo-China and induce the Vichy Government to "allow" them the use of naval bases in the Island of Madagascar.

The harbour of Diego Suarez in the northern part of the Island is one of the finest ports and is the chief French naval station in the Island. The importance to Japan of the possession of naval bases athwart allied lines of communications and within striking distance of South Africa need hardly be stressed.

It is a very far cry from Singapore to Madagascar—at least 3,000 miles—then another 1,500 to Durban. True the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour which was also over 3,000 miles away from Japan, but there the aircraft carriers were really operating much closer to their bases. There are no places nearer Madagascar where their vessels could refuel.

Bharucha's Appeal To The Congress High Command

Dear Elders,

When the Government has been blundering and we have been fumbling, when the Japs are banging at our doors, and we are at our wit's end! Merciful providence has sent to India, a Great General, a Greater Statesman, and the Greatest Defender of the Freedom of Modern Asia.

China has been our dear old neighbour, disciple and friend for centuries. To-day, she is our Leader, Defender and cordial comrade. Her President and his brave consort are amongst us to-day. They have come for a closer military and political contact.

What will be your attitude, dear Elders? Will you wait for any pledges from Churchill or Linlithgow and risk an invasion of India by the Japanese? Or will you accept the hand of comradeship of China's distinguished Defender; and pledge India's full support for the defence of India and for the freedom of China?

My Elders, this is the most psychological moment in the history of India. Take time by the forelock and save India from the grave crisis. Let not Gandhiji and yourselves stick to the creed of absolute non-violence. Let us not forget, that what Lord Reading offered to Gandhiji in November 1921, and which Gandhiji rejected at the time, we have not attained as yet!

My Elders, what concerns India today the most are not the pledges of Churchills, and Amerys and Linlithgows. We are living in a fast moving world; and we do not know, where these personages may be to-morrow! We are concerned to-day with the defence of India first: and that will depend on the defence and freedom of our great and devoted and ancient neighbour China. Pray, accept the hand of comradeship of the great Chinese Generalissimo to-day, plunge into the fray for the defence of our Motherland; and with the support of China, America and Russia, no Power on Earth will deny to us our Freedom. May Providence guide you aright today! Amen!

B. F. BHARUCHA.

The party includes 82 adults and 27 children.—United Press.

SIR F. K. NOON MADE LEADER OF "ELDERS"

NEW DELHI, Feb 13.

Sir Ferozkhan Noon, Labour Member, has been appointed Leader of the House in the Council of State.—A. P.

BENGAL'S CHALLENGE TO AMERY

Coalition Ministry Has Support Of Overwhelming Majority In Legislature

TRICHINOPOLY, Feb. 12.

Until and unless communal harmony was established, there could be no self-Government or freedom for this country, declared the Nawab of Dacca speaking at the Trichinopoly Journalists Association last evening, when the Nawab and Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Bengal Ministers, were accorded a reception by the local journalists.

In Bengal, said the Nawab, they were united and had put fourth a united demand that they should be granted immediately Dominion Status. He added "there is no difference of opinion between Hindus and Muslims. We have thus thrown a challenge to Mr. Amery and the powers that be in England that we can settle our differences and we can set our house in order.

Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu in his speech referred to the new Coalition Government in Bengal and said that the experiments started in Bengal had helped Hindus and Muslims to grip each other in comradeship. The new era of peace and harmony inaugurated in that province, he added, was bound to have effect in other parts of India as well.

Replying to questions Mr. Basu said that the present Cabinet in Bengal had the support of an overwhelming majority of members of the legislature and the Opposition had dwindled to a small minority. The stability of the Ministry was beyond question, based as it was on a policy of communal peace and harmony.—A.P.

Americans Join R.A.A.F.

SYDNEY, Feb. 12.

A considerable number of young Americans have enlisted this week in the Royal Australian Air Force and they have sworn allegiance to the King. They now forfeit their citizenship but it is learnt a measure will be introduced in the United States Congress restoring their citizenship. A similar measure was passed during the last war.—Reuter.

India Marching Steadily Towards Equality With Dominions!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

"The admission of India's representative to the War Cabinet and the Pacific War Council is a sign of the growing recognition of the large part which she has already played in this war and of vital importance to her continued co-operation in the titanic struggle in which the united nations are engaged," said Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Indian Agent-General, in a statement to Reuter to-day.

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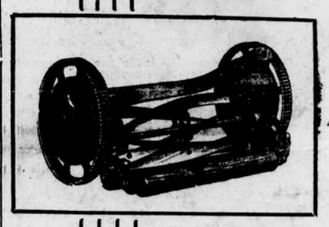

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ENGAGEMENT NEAR STRAITS OF DOVER

HEAVILY ESCORTED SQUADRON FLEES FOR SHELTER AT HELIGOLAND

LONDON, February 13.

The Admiralty announces that the 'Scharnhorst', 'Gneisneau and 'Prinz Eugen' with heavy sea and air support were attacked near the Straits of Dover.

British destroyers torpedoed the battleships together with the R.A.F. participating in the attack.

The Dover defences also opened fire at extreme range. Further reports from the British forces are awaited.

The Admiralty states that 20 British bombers including five aircraft of the Coastal Command and 16 fighters have been lost.

Eight enemy fighters at least were destroyed.

A naval and air engagement took place yesterday afternoon in the straits of Dover.

An Admiralty and Air Ministry "communique" says the German warships "Scharnhorst", "Gneisenau" and "Prince Eugene", escorted by destroyers and E-boats were sighted yesterday afternoon. The enemy squadron was also heavily escorted by fighters. Visibility at this time varied from three to five miles with low clouds. The enemy ships were never visible from the English coast.

On receipt of the report, coastal craft of the Dover Naval Command were immediately sent out to the attack, together with Swordfish aircraft of the fleet air arm, strongly escorted by R. A. F. fighters.

Attacks by both Swordfish and other craft were pressed home in the face of intense fire from all enemy surface vessels, and opposition by enemy fighters.

Swordfish aircraft scored at least one hit on one of the enemy heavy vessels. One of our motor torpedo boats also claims a possible hit, but owing to the intense barrage and heavy smoke-screen put out by the enemy it was impossible to see the results of the attacks.

Six Swordfish aircraft are missing but some of the crews have been saved. There were no casualties among the coastal craft.

Durnig this time the Dover defences opened fire at extreme range which was replied to by the enemy shore batteries on the French coast.

The enemy force was repeatedly attacked by aircraft of the Royal Air Force, strongly escorted by fighters. The results were difficult to see owing to low clouds, but according to preliminary reports, coastal command Beaufort bombers scored three hits with torpedos and bomber command crews are confident that each of the main enemy units was hit by bombs.

The attacks were pressed home with the greatest determination in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and strong fighter opposition. Twenty of our bombers, including five aircraft of the coastal command, and 16 fighters were lost. 15 enemy fighters were destroyed by our fighter escorts and at least three more by the bombers themselves.

A destroyer force under the command of Captain C. T. N. Pizey in H. M. S. "Campbell", also proceeded to intercept and attack the enemy force.

ENEMY SIGHTED

At 3-45 in the afternoon, our destroyers sighted the enemy. They went into the attack in the face of very heavy bombing by enemy aircraft and also heavy gunfire from all the enemy surface vessels. Our destroyers took advantage of a rain squal to press their attack home.

Owing to low visibility and the heavy fire to which the destroyers were subjected, it was not possible to be certain of the results of the attack, but there is reason to believe that at least one torpedo hit was obtained. Casualties on our destroyers were not heavy.

When last sighted, the enemy ships had become separated and were making for their ports in the Heligoland.

Further reports from forces are awaited.

DESCRIPTION OF BATTLESHIP

The Scharnhorst is a battleship of 26,000 tons armed with nine 11-inch guns, 12 5.9 inch guns and 30 anti-aircraft guns.

She carries four aircraft and her normal complement is 1,461. Her speed is 30 knots.

She was completed in January 1939 at Wilhelmshaven and was the first regular battleship built for the German navy since the war.

The 'Gneisenau' is sister ship completed shortly after the 'Scharnhorst'.

Prinz Eugen, one of 50 cruisers of the 10,000 tons 'Hipper' class was laid down in 1936 but was not completed until early in 1941.

She carries eight eight-inch guns, 12 4.5 anti-aircraft guns four aircraft and a complement of 830.

The first stratosphere raid of the war by Flying Fortresses was made on the German warships while they were at Brest and La Pallice. The raids were spread over 24 hours.

HOW DOVER BATTLE ORIGINATED

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Further details of the air and naval battle in the Straits of Dover released by the Air Ministry show that two Spitfires on patrol sighted the three battleships making their way along the French coast towards the North Sea. A batch of twelve German bombers attacked the Spitfires, which returned to their base. Immediately torpedo-carrying bombers were despatched, which were followed by other craft. Then there was a barrage from the air in which all descriptions of aircraft participated.

The battle which began at 11 a.m. continued till 4 p.m.

According to one of the pilots what appeared to be a torpedo hit one of the battleships and there was an explosion. The same pilot said that he saw one small ship, hit by a bomb, sink while another small ship was enveloped in smoke. According to another pilot at least seven hits are believed to have been scored.—Reuter.

New Zealand's Envoy To London

WELLINGTON, Feb. 13.

"Complete representation" of New Zealand in London is under consideration by the Government, said the Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser in Parliament to-day, when the recent appointment of New Zealand Minister at Washington was being discussed. Mr. Fraser also indicated the possibility of the appointment of a New Zealand Representative to Canberra. At present New Zealand is represented in London by the High Commissioner.—Reuter.

FINE STUDIES IN SCULPTURE!

The Art Of Mrs. Gerrard

Of the artists who do not like to sit with folded hands, Mrs Doris Gerrard appears to be one—a fact which is corroborated by the second exhibition of her sculptures and drawings at the Sir J. J. School of Art. Mrs. Gerrard has attained her maturity in the art of sculpture by virtue of her unorthodox and progressive outlook her forceful style and her persistent effort to create something new.

"Man of Sorrows", which is admirably modelled, is the outstanding exhibit. Mrs. Gerrard does not indulge here merely in the display of her technical skill, but gives concreteness to the contemporary problem of human misfortune and misery which are the inevitable consequences of oppression and persecution of one race by another. The drooping head, dejected expression, raised hands and emaciated physique, suggested by the prominence of the ribs of the statue unite in symbolically conveying an impression of intense grief evoked in the mind of the innocent by his ruthless persecution and of the hope of better life with which he bears the ordeal.

"Secret", which represents a pair of nude women, is another fine exhibit. The expressions of the speaker and the listner which are in distinct contrast are fully suggestive of the mood of both. "Creation"—the outstanding exhibit of Mrs. Gerrard's first exhibition—is displayed again. Other pieces are bead-studies like "Mehli Mehta", Mrs. Krishna Huthusing, "Punjabi Girl", and "Mohommed Din", which reveal Mrs. Gerrard's capacity to gruge the depth of character of her subjects. The set of twenty drawings presents some delightful impressions.

Three Warships And Two Destroyers Launched

LONDON, Feb. 13.

American naval strength has been further increased by the launching of three new warships and two destroyers yesterday.—Reuter.

LABOUR RETAINS SEAT

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Mr. Ivor Thomas was returned unopposed today in the Parliamentary by-election for Keighley division of Yorkshire. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Labour Party and he has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Labour leader, Mr. Less-Smith. —Reuter.

MRS. ROOSEVELT DEFENDS APPOINTMENT OF FILM STARS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.

Mrs. Roosevelt indicated yesterday that she would withdraw shortly as Assistant Director of Civilian Defence. She saw no reason she added, "for staying after my job is completed".

She defended the appointment of her friends Melvyn Douglas, the film actor and Myris Chaney, dancer, to positions in the office of civilian defence.—Reuter.

STUDENTS TO OBSERVE "CHINA DAY"

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11.

The All-India Students' Federation has decided to observe "China Day" on February 15 in honour of the visit of General Chiang-Kai-Shek and Madam Chiang-Kai-Shek and to express the solidarity of the Indian Youth with the youth and the people of China.

The programme for the day includes sale of the Chinese flag, proceeds of which to be used in aid of the Chinese people, also public meetings and processions.—A. P

Some of the new city police recruits giving an athletic demonstration before H. E. the Governor.

CITIZENS AND CIVIL DEFENCE

Advice Of Sheriff And A. R. P. Chief

"The best method of keeping the war away from Bombay is for the people of Bombay to stick to their jobs, remain staunch and brave and not to play the enemy's game of retreating from Bombay to the fancied security of up-country villages because that security will be diminished if the people leave Bombay."

This was the advice given by Mr. D. Symington, speaking on civil defence at a public meeting at Kaisar Baug, Dongri, on Friday evening. The meeting was organised by the Society of Parsi Retired officers, the Muslim Educational Association, the Muslim Welfare Society and the Islamic Literary Circle. Mr. Mirza Rashid Ali Baig, the Sheriff presided.

In the course of his preliminary remarks Mr. Baig said that an air raid on Bombay was not easily possible. But in this war many improbable things had become probable.

This was not the time for internecine quarrels but for coordinated action. He hoped that the message of A.R.P. and the doctrine of Civic Defence would reach every home.

Mr. Symington said that there were three essential factors in Civil Defence. First was the A.R.P. organisation. This included the Warden service, the Ambulance and First Aid service, and the Rescue and Fire Services. All these services needed reinforcement and he appealed to the people to join these services early.

The second and more important weapon of Civil Defence was the organisation of the essential services and food supply in an emergency. Experience in Rangoon had shown that a breakdown might occur unless steps are taken to prevent it. And these steps were being taken by the authorities. Everything possible was being done to ensure that the essential services, that is, conservancy, water supply and communications would be kept functioning after an attack. Arrangements had also been made for the provision of food supply, importation of food, requisitioning of supplies and their distribution to the shops and homes.

The whole process of food supply and distribution would be taken over by Government if necessary so that there will be no break during which the people will find supplies unobtainable.

The authorities were doing everything possible to see that the city would be kept as a working organisation in case of emergency.

Turning to the last and most important aspect of Civil Defence the behaviour of the ordinary individual in times of emergency, Mr. Symington stated that the first air attack would be test of the people. Here what the people should do was to take cover, as soon as the warning is sounded. After the raid the people should go about their usual work and conduct themselves normally subject to such instructions as may be given by Civic Defence workers.

Dr. G. R. A. Shaik gave in Urdu a resume of Mr. Symington's speech.

Major Bamji said that Indian soldiers had shown by their valour that they were true soldiers of Freedom. Indians were not cowards and would not let the enemy set foot on their soil but it was necessary to take precautions against loss of life when the enemy's assault came from the air.

The Cosmopolitan Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade under the direction of Mr. S. P Rane, acting Divisional Superintendent, gave a demonstration of First Aid to the injured.

Conscription For War Labour

NAIROBI, Feb. 13.

Conscription of the Africans for war work and agriculture is being considered by the Governor of Kenya and Lord Moyne, Secretary of State for the Colonies. The war programme is estimated to require additional 22,000 African labourers. If the scheme is adopted, conscription would be applied to all men between the ages of 16 and 45. Every man would have the right to appeal on grounds of hardship and be medically examined before being set to work.—Reuter.

Sardar Patel Examined

SURAT, Feb. 12.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is now at Hajira for a change, was examined by Dr. Fakirbhai Patel this morning. Dr. Patel told the "United Press" that Sardar Patel was keeping well. It is stated that his daily walk on the sea-shore has improved his health to some extent. A deputation of some members of the Ahmedabad Municipal Employees' Association arrived here to wait on Sardar Patel.—United Press.

BHAGALPUR CURFEY WITHDRAWN.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 13.

The District Magistrate of Bhagalpur has withdrawn the curfew order imposed on January 28 last during the riots, with effect from yesterday.—United Press.

Churchill To Speak On Far East Situation Soon

India And Dominions Will Have Equal Status On Military War Cabinet, Says Amery

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Replying to a question from Mr. Clement Davies (Independent Member) in the Commons on Thursday whether the House can expect a statement to-day or early next week on the serious news from Singapore and the Far East the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Attlee said: "I have no doubt that the Prime Minister will make a statement to the House as soon as he thinks it right but he does not intend to make one to-day."

EQUAL STATUS WITH DOMINIONS

The organisation of the Defence Committee said the Secretary of State for India, Mr. Amery, in the House of Commons to-day, is flexible.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir Thomas Moore had asked for the names, ranks and qualifications of the Indian representatives on the Defence Committee and the General Staff.

Mr. Amery said that Ministers and Advisers were being invited to attend the Committee as necessary. Accordingly he, accompanied by the Military Secretary of the India Office who was a Major-General in the Indian Army attended the Committee whenever matters affecting Indian interests were under discussion. The Indian army was represented both on the General Staff of the War Office and on the Military and War Cabinet.

Sir Percy Harris (Liberal): Will you make it quite clear that the Indian representatives will have equal status with Dominion representatives?

Mr Amery: "Yes."

"T.U.C. MOVEMENT NEVER DISCOURAGED"

"We never discouraged the Trade Union movement in India: on the contrary," declared the Secretary of State for India Mr. Amery in the House of Commons on Thursday.

Mr. Sorensen (Labour) was ask whether with the expansion of Indian war time industry Indian trade unions had been consulted with a view to securing proper wage standards and conditions, also to promoting effective trade union organisations.

Mr. Amery said that he would convey the enquiry to the Government India.

DETAINED-IN INTERESTS OF ORDER AND SAFETY

Questions concerning detained Burmese citizens were asked in the House of Commons on Thursday. Mr. Sorensen (Labour) asked Mr. Amery why Dr. B. A Maw was imprisoned by the Government of U Saw now detained by his Majesty's Government and what charges were outstanding against him. U Ba Pe, ex-Lord-Mayor of Rangoon, and U Ba Win. Mr. Sorensen also wanted to know whether the allegation of contact with Japan applied also to these detainees.

Amery: These persons have been detained in the interests of order and safety.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT TO BE IN SECRET SESSION

CANBERRA, Feb. 13.

Owing to the continued deterioration in the Pacific situation the Australian Parliament has been summoned to meet for secret session at Canberra on the 20th —Reuter.

ROYAL COMMISSION OF ONE MAN

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.

Mr. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister, announced in the House of Commons on Thursday that he had asked the Chief Justice Sir Lyman P. Duff, to act as a Royal Commission to conduct an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding departure of Canadian troops to Hongkong.

Sir Lyman has consented to act and the final Order-in-Council setting up the Commission is now before the Cabinet.—Reuter.

INDIANS IN MAURITIUS

Demand For Constitutional Rights

"The war has affected Mauritius, as it has affected every part of the world," stated Mr. Abdool Rahman Osman, Additional Substitute Advocate-General, Mauritius, in the course of an interview with a representative of the 'Chronicle.'

Mr. Abdul Rahman Osman has just returned from Mauritius and will be back to his post of duty within a short period.

Asked about the conditions of Indians in Mauritius forming two-thirds of the total 4,00,000 population of that island, Mr. Osman stated that the conditions of Indians there showed sure indications of improvement. Economically, their conditions had improved after the last war, but in 1926-27, a slump set in the sugar industry, the main industry supporting the bulk of the Indian population which deteriorated and continued to deteriorate year after year. Then the Government took certain steps with a view to ensure a living wage to the workers. But then it was too early to say that the wages had stabilised.

The Indain labourers mainly clamoured for higher wages and better housing and more sanitary conditions. With the outbreak of the war, prices soared up and Government took steps to control prices of all important commodities.

Asked about the agitation of Indians for political rights and better and fuller representation in the Legislative Council Mr. Osman said that there were no Indian elected representatives in the House although there were two Indian nominated members. Indians claimed that they were not fully represented and, therefore, they demanded a revision of the existing constitution. They demanded a wider franchise in order to secure a fuller representation.

"There was some response from Government which is now engaged in studying and framing a scheme in order to meet and safeguard the interests of the Indians; Due to war further consideration of the scheme has been postponed," Mr. Osman added.

NO COLOUR PREJUDICE

Referring to the changing outlook of the authorities, he stated that "Indians are slowly getting a share in the administration of justice. There is now a desire on the part of the authorities to share administrative responsibilities with the Indians."

Referring to social conditions he said:—"There is no colour prejudice such as is reported to exist in South Africa. There is however, no intermarriage and inter-dining is confined to rare occasions."

Mr Osman also stated that there was no Hindu-Muslim problem in Mauritius. One did not hear of communal riots and the two communities lived in mixed localities and worked together. The "Indian Cultural Association' generally consisting of Indians, included both Hindus and Muslims. The Secretary of the Association is a member of the P.E.N. India.

WAR DISMANTLEMENT ON S. I. & B. N. RAILWAYS

MADRAS, Feb. 12.

The Madura-Bodinayakanur branch of the South Indian Railway and the Bobbili-Salur branch of the B. N. Railway have been selected in this presidency for dismantlement to war requirements, according to a press note.

CLOSEST CONTACT BETWEEN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

MADRID, Feb. 13.

Concerning meeting between General Franco and Dr Salazar a special communique states. "In pursuance of the treaty of friendship and non-aggression of May 18, 1939, and the additional Protocol signed by the Governments of Spain and Portugal, providing for direct exchanges of views, Generalissimo Franco and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Suner met the Chief of the Portuguese Government, Doctor Oliveira Salazar.

In the course of the meeting both political and economic problems of a general character, arising from the present world situation, as touching both the states, were examined in an atmosphere of friendship and understanding, and it has been agreed to maintain in future the closest contact for safeguarding the common interests and the terms laid down in the treaties already agreed.

The Protocol referred to in the official statement issued after the Franco-Salazar meeting was signed at the end of July 1940, and was described as binding the two countries to agree and consult regarding the means of safeguarding their mutual interests, if developments are foreseen or have happened that might threaten the inviolability of their respective metropolitan territories, or put their independence in peril.—Reuter.

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